

# Calumet County Youth Sports League

## 2023 Rules

**Purpose:** To promote the game of baseball and provide area youth with the opportunity to develop and learn the game through practice and games.

### League Wide Rules:

1. Sportsmanship will be encouraged by players, coaches, and fans.
2. The league does not carry insurance.
3. Umpires are supplied by the home team; it is recommended that officials be qualified.
4. Games and scores will be updated by the coaches on Google Docs. This will be used to determine seeding for tournaments and to record innings pitched.
5. Players are expected to be properly equipped.
6. Players are expected to play for their community. If a player is going to change teams it should be done when they switch levels or players must sit out one year. Hardships can be argued to the league.
7. Preliminary roster must be submitted before the first game and final roster by May 15th<sup>t</sup>. (maximum of 18 players). Roster must be added to Google Docs. If a roster is not submitted, the game can be played, but it will count as a forfeit. If there is an extenuating circumstance, players can be added, but it must be approved by the board before the next game. This will be done via e-mail and submitted to the league. Players can move up a level feely without league approval.
8. Disputes will be settled with an all-league vote and communities involved are excluded. Ties broken by the board.
9. One pitch is considered an inning. Once a pitcher is removed, they cannot return to pitch unless the game goes extra innings (1 inning maximum per pitcher) (Little League Only). Pony league pitchers removed cannot return. Anyone replaced in the lineup must sit for six outs before returning to the lineup. The player will bat in the same spot in the order.
10. Courtesy runner will fall to the WIAA rules. If you are only batting 9 you will to have to designate a courtesy runner from a player that is not in the game. If you are batting everyone it will be last out. It will not be mandatory for you to use a courtesy runner for the catcher with 2 outs. You will also be able to courtesy run for the pitcher. Once you designate a courtesy runner that runner can continue to courtesy for the designated position. For example, if you change a pitcher your courtesy runner can still run for the pitcher even though it is a new pitcher.
11. While running bases, any illegal contact will be determined by the umpire and safe or out call will be based on decision. If flagrant action is determined, the player could be ejected
12. Intentional walks will be allowed in Pony League. Pitches do not need to be thrown.

13. Coaches get one mound visit per inning. If there is a second visit for the same pitcher they must be removed.
14. Teams bat either nine players or entire roster. Little League would be nine or entire roster and Pony League would be nine, 10 if using a DH, or entire roster. If a player leaves due to injury, an out will not be charged. If they leave for any other reason, that spot in the order will incur an out unless mutual agreement is decided by the coaches before the game.
15. If the team bats the entire roster, free substitution is allowed on defense. Pitching rules still apply.
16. A DH may be used for Pony League.
17. Balls can be Wilson, Diamond, Rawlings, or Marcucci. Provide your umps 2 to 3 new balls per game.
18. Any player or coach ejected will sit a game (determined by innings for specific levels) based on when the ejection occurred
19. Umpires should be informed of league rules prior to each game
  
20. All games that are postponed will be made up in good faith and a timely manner
21. In determining final records, if teams have identical records, the team that has played all of their games will be considered to have a better record if another team has forfeit(s) in their record
22. If final records are unequal, and all games were attempted to be made up, winning percentage will determine the seed.

#### **Levels and Specific Rules:**

**Little League** – Little League rosters will be determined by current grade. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> for Little League

- 46 ft pitching mound/60 foot bases
- 6 inning games
- Pitching – 3 innings per game/6 innings per week plus 1 if there are extra innings and they are pitching
- A Little League player can steal any base. This includes home on passed balls. There is no stealing of home once you have reached a 10 run lead. When the pitcher has the ball on the rubber; that will start the next pitch.
- Anyone leading off before a pitch will be called out. You can lead off and steal once the ball crosses home plate.(1st Offense will be a Team Warning)
- To encourage speeding up the game, 5 pitches between innings and 7 for a pitching change. Exceptions are weather and injury
- Little League games will be limited to 1 hour and 30 minutes. A new inning cannot start once you have reached 1 hour and 30 minutes, unless mutually agreed upon by

both coaches prior to the start of the game. Tournament games that are in the medal round are exempt from this rule.

- Bat Rule - Players will be able to swing any legal bat(Bring it/Swing it)
- Plastic spikes only
- No infield fly rule.
- No fake bunts/slash bunts.
- A game may be called after the top of the fourth inning if the home team is ahead by 10 runs or if the away team is ahead after the bottom of the fourth is completed
- Will be a mandatory slide at home. It can be either feet first or head first.
- Extra Inning Rule - **California Rule** - The visiting team will start with a runner on 2nd with 1 out. The runner on second will be the last out of the last inning.

**Pony** – Pony League rosters will be determined by current grade. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for Pony League

- 54 ft pitching mound/75 foot bases
- 7 inning games
- Pitching – 4 innings per game/8 innings per week plus 1 if there are extra innings and they are pitching
- Open Baseball – leading off and stealing allowed
- Bat Rule - Players will be able to swing any legal bat(Bring it/Swing it) Plastic or metal spikes are allowed
- At least one WIAA umpire is encouraged for games, at least one WIAA umpire is required for tournament games
- To encourage speeding up the game, 5 pitches between innings and 7 for a pitching change. Exceptions are weather and injury
- Pony League games will be limited to 2 hours. A new inning cannot start once you have reached 2 hours, unless mutually agreed upon by both coaches prior to the start of the game. Tournament games that are in the medal round are exempt from this rule.
- Infield fly rule will be enforced.
- A game may be called after the top of the fourth inning if the home team is ahead by 10 runs or if the away team is ahead after the bottom of the fourth is completed
- Extra Inning Rule - **California Rule** - The visiting team will start with a runner on 2nd with 1 out. The runner on second will be the last out of the last inning.
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**\*\*\*\* A player can be moved down a level at the coach's discretion based on ability or need to fill a roster. A player can also be moved up. \*\*\*\***

## **League and Tournament Tie-Breaker Rules**

- 1. Overall Record**
- 2. Head to Head**
- 3. Record against 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place, 5<sup>th</sup> place, etc
- 4. Total Runs Allowed**

### **Tournament Play:**

- 1. Pitchers in Little League will be allowed to pitch 8 innings and Pony League 10 innings. Innings pitched per game follow league rules; 3 innings per game for Little League, and 4 innings per game for Pony League. Innings DO NOT count for the first game played by teams that DO NOT receive a bye in the first round.**
- 2. Communities purchase own baseballs (get a \$200 stipend for tournament balls from the league)**
- 3. Balls can be Wilson, Diamond, Rawlings, or Marucci. Provide your umps 2 to 3 new balls per game.**
- 4. tournament teams, the league pays \$100 per Pony and \$80 per Little League for umpires Steve Helms Second**
- 5. Fine of \$250 for not showing up for a tournament game paid to the tournament host at the end of the season meeting. If not paid, the offender will be removed from the tournament host schedule.**