

## LEWISTON LITTLE LEAGUE 2022 LOCAL RULES TEE BALL DIVISION

Refer to the 2022 Little League rule book for all rules not included in the local league rules.

1. **Umpires:** There are no assigned umpires. The defensive team shall provide the field umpires and the offensive team shall provide the home plate umpires.
2. **Batting Order:** All players will be in the batting order. An inning is complete when each offensive player has completed a turn at bat. Any base runners will be removed after three outs and each succeeding three outs. The batting order will be reversed from one inning to the next so all players will have an equal opportunity to run the bases.
3. **Scoring:** No score shall be kept in the Tee Ball division.
4. **Time Limit:** A game shall be five (5) innings in length; however, no new inning shall start after 45 minutes from the start of the game. No game shall exceed 1 hour.
5. **Baserunners:** There is no base stealing in the Tee Ball division.
6. **Fielding:** A team on the field will consist of no more than 10 players; the tenth player will be a fourth outfielder.
  - a. For a ball to be officially in play, it must be hit with enough force to extend beyond the 20 foot lined arc between the first and third base lines. A ball not driven past this arc is a dead ball and declared a strike. A ball hit within the arc on a third strike is an out and the runners may not advance.
  - b. A fly ball is considered a live ball within the arc. If the ball is not fielded and stays within the arc, it will be declared dead and called a strike. A ground ball is not considered live until it passes the 20-foot arc.
  - c. No more than 2 coaches/adults allowed on the field at a time.
7. **Sliding:** Head first sliding is not allowed in Little League. A player may dive head first back to a base once occupied.
8. **Coaches Responsibilities:**
  - a. Only the manager, the coach or the parents who have passed a background check are to have contact with the players during the games or practices.
  - b. If a player or fan becomes abusive, umpires and/or coaches have the authority to remove any player or fan as dictated by the Little League rule book.
  - c. If a player or fan becomes abusive, play should be halted and both teams sent to their respective dugouts. The coach shall ask the abusive player/fan to refrain from the abusive behavior. If the behavior continues, the player/fan should be asked to leave the playing area.
  - d. The game shall not continue until order has been restored to the game. If the abusive person refuses to cooperate with the coaches, the police may be called to remove that person. The game shall not continue until the abusive person has been removed from the playing area.
  - e. Any and all incidents need to be reported to Little League President.
  - f. One coach must be in the dugout at all times.
  - g. NO ONE is allowed in the dugouts except coaches and players – NO PARENTS OR OTHER CHILDREN.
9. **Cancelled Games:** If games are cancelled, it is the managers' responsibility to contact the scheduling coordinator, whose number is available on your list of board members. Managers are responsible for notifying their players/parents. Cancelled games, due to weather, will be posted via Facebook and sent to coaches via text/email.
10. **Lack of Players:** Since Tee Ball division is an instructional league, we encourage you to play the game even if there are only 8 players available. If there are only 7 players, borrow players from the other team, if needed. We are here for the kids.
11. **Coaches Reminder:**

- a.** You are role models for the youth in this program. POSITIVE behavior sets an important example for the players and fans.
- b.** Parents, grandparents and friends have come to the game to watch children play, not watch the coaches' coach.
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## LEWISTON LITTLE LEAGUE 2022 LOCAL RULES FARM LEAGUE

Refer to the 2022 Little League rule book for all rules not included in the local league rules.

1. **Umpires:** There are no assigned umpires. The defensive team's coaches will be the umpires. In the absence of a coach, a qualified volunteer may assist.
2. **Pitching:** Coaches will pitch to their players. The coach shall signal the batter before each pitch with how many strikes he/she has and how many pitches remain. Coaches may have a parent who passed a background check volunteer pitch.
3. **Batting:**
  - a. A batter will be given five (5) hittable pitches (this includes foul balls) or three (3) strikes.
  - b. If a foul ball occurs on pitch #5, the batter will be allowed one more pitch.
  - c. A coach may call a "no pitch" but not a strike.
  - d. All players present will be in the batting order. Any child arriving late will be placed at the end of the batting order.
  - e. There is no bunting in coach pitch.
  - f. The coaches are encouraged to rotate the batting order from one game to the next so all players get an equal opportunity to run bases each game.
  - g. The first half of the season the team will bat through the order, clearing the bases after three (3) outs. The second half of the season will be played three (3) outs.
  - h. Baseball and Softball division: An inning is complete when three outs are made or the offensive team has batted through the order, whichever comes first.
4. **Pitcher:** Only the coach and pitcher are allowed in the mound area. For softball, the pitcher must be between 35'- 40' from home plate. For baseball, the pitcher must be between 35' - 40' from home plate.
5. **Scoring:** No score shall be kept in the Farm division.
6. **Time Limit:** A game shall be six (6) innings in length; however, no new inning shall start after 1 hour from the start of the game. No game shall exceed 1 hour and 15 minutes.
7. **On Deck Circle:** There is no on deck circle in Farm division. Only the player batting should be out of the dugout.
8. **Baserunners:** There is no base stealing in Farm division.
9. **Fielding:** A team on the field will consist of 9 players. Outfielders must be on the grass.
  - a. Each player shall play at least two defensive innings before the end of the fourth inning.
  - b. Free substitution will be allowed during defensive innings for all players.
  - c. Pitcher will be placed to either the left or right of coach.
  - d. If a batted ball hits the coach that is pitching, the ball will be declared a "dead ball". One base will be awarded to all runners, and the batter will be awarded first base.
10. **Lightning Devices:** Once the alarm sounds, the game will be discontinued immediately, no exceptions.
11. **Players Not on Player Field:** Players must remain in the dugout at all times unless excused by the manager/coach.
12. **Coaches Responsibilities:**
  - a. Only the manager, the coach or the parents who have passed a background check are to have contact with the players during the games or practices.
  - b. If a player or fan becomes abusive, umpires and/or coaches have the authority to remove any player or fan as dictated by the Little League rule book.
  - c. If a player or fan becomes abusive, play should be halted and both teams sent to their respective dugouts. The coach shall ask the abusive player/fan to refrain from the abusive behavior. If the

behavior continues, the player/fan should be asked to leave the playing area.

- d. The game shall not continue until order has been restored to the game. If the abusive person refuses to cooperate with the coaches, the police may be called to remove that person. The game shall not continue until the abusive person has been removed from the playing area.
  - e. Any and all incidents need to be reported to Little League President.
  - f. One coach must be in the dugout at all times.
  - g. NO ONE is allowed in the dugouts except coaches and players – NO PARENTS OR OTHER CHILDREN
- 13. Cancelled Games:** When games are cancelled, it is the managers' responsibility to contact the scheduling coordinator, whose number is available on your list of board members. Managers are responsible for notifying their players/parents. Cancelled games, due to weather, will be posted via Facebook and sent to coaches via text/email.
- 14. Lack of Player:** Since Farm division is an instructional league, we encourage you to play the game even if there are only 8 players available. If there are only 7 players, borrow players from the other team. We are here for the kids.
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  - b. Umpires are to be treated with RESPECT. No arguing judgment calls. A coach may ask the umpire for timeout to handle any question about a rule interpretation. Both coaches will then meet the umpires between the pitcher's mound and home plate with their rulebooks and work the problem out in a civil manner. Show the players that problems can be worked out in a positive manner.
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## LEWISTON LITTLE LEAGUE 2022 LOCAL RULES MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

All rules followed will be those defined in the 2022 Little League Rule book with the exception of these local enhancements. (National Rule Always Trumps Local Rule)

1. **Umpires:** the league shall provide one (1) umpire for each game. In the event the umpire is not in attendance; the home team will supply the umpire. If no gear has been supplied for the game, the umpire will call the game from behind the pitcher's mound or behind fence at backstop.
2. **Playing Time:** Refer to the rulebook. Each player shall play six (6) consecutive outs and bat at least one (1) time. If the game is four (4) innings or less, this rule does not apply.
3. **Pitching Rules:** Little League has instituted a pitch count to ensure that young players do not unnecessarily get injured. The maximum amount of pitches a pitcher may throw in one game is 85 for an 11 year old, 75 for 9 - 10 year old's, and 50 for an 8 year old. Pitch count with relation to how much rest is required follows:
  - 0-20 pitches thrown, (0) days rest
  - 21-35 pitches thrown, (1) day rest
  - 36-50 pitches thrown, (2) days rest
  - 51-65 pitches thrown, (3) days rest
  - 66 or more pitches thrown, (4) days rest
  - a. A pitcher is allowed to finish the batter to whom his maximum pitch count is thrown (85-75). Once a pitcher has pitched 41 pitches, he may not play the catcher's position (for clarification see LL Rule Book).
  - b. Pitch count must be kept on a pitch count sheet for all teams, signed by the opposing coach and must be available for viewing at every game. Failure to record your pitch count will result in the following punishment:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> offense = warning
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense = 1 game suspension for the team manager
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense = manager's removal for the remainder of the season.
  - c. Coaches may NOT warm up their pitchers.

**\*\*Lewiston Little League recommends communication between LL coaches/players and travel coaches to ensure the safety of pitchers' arms.**

4. **Catchers:** Any player, who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.
  - a. A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.
5. **Batting Order:** All players present will be placed in the batting order. If a child shows up late, he/she will be placed at the end of the bating order. If a player must leave the game, their place will be crossed out and no out will be given for any missed at-bat. Tournament play will follow Little League tournament rules.
6. **Time Limit:** Games shall last no longer than 1 hr 45 minutes, with no new inning after 1 hr 30 minutes, unless 4 innings (3 ½ if home team is winning) have not been completed. The game must continue until the minimum innings for a regulation game have been met, or until the time limit, whichever comes first.
7. **Field Maintenance:** Both coaches are responsible for raking the field at the conclusion of every game.
8. **On Deck Circle:** There is no on-deck circle.
9. **Ten Run Rule:** The ten run rule is in effect, see rulebook.
10. **Five Run Rule:**

- a. If the offensive team scores five runs in an inning, the inning will be declared finished and the defensive team will be at bat. The next inning will begin with the next player in the batting order.
- b. A team can score a maximum of 8 runs in an inning. Example: the offensive team has the bases loaded and has scored four (4) runs already. The batter hits a home run, allowing all three runners and himself to score. Eight (8) runs have been scored by that team.
- c. The Five Run Rule will not be in effect once the tournament portion of the season begins.

**11. Lightning Devices:** Once the alarm sounds, the game will be discontinued immediately, no exceptions. Safety of players and their families is priority, not baseball.

**12. Players Not on Playing Field:** Players must remain in the dugout at all times unless excused by the manager/coach.

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**15. Lack of Players:** We encourage you to play the game even if there are only 8 players available. If needed, borrow players from the other team. We are here for the kids.

**16. Scorebooks:** Scorebooks and pitch count sheets must be kept and turned in at the end of the season.

**17. Coaches Reminder:**

- a. You are role models for the youth in this program. POSITIVE behavior sets an important example for the players and fans.
- b. Umpires are to be treated with RESPECT. No arguing judgment calls. A coach may ask the umpire for timeout to handle any question about a rule interpretation. Both coaches will then meet the umpires between the pitcher's mound and home plate with their rulebooks and work the problem out in a civil manner. Show the players that problems can be worked out in a positive manner.
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5. **Drop 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike Rule:** batter becomes a runner when a 3<sup>rd</sup> strike called by an umpire is not caught, providing,
  - a. first base is unoccupied
  - b. first base is occupied with 2 outs
6. **Batting Order:** All players present will be placed in the batting order. If a child shows up late, he/she will be placed at the end of the batting order. If a player must leave the game, their place will be crossed out and no out will be given for any missed at-bat.
7. **Time Limit:** Games shall last no longer than 1 hr 45 minutes, with no new inning after 1 hr 30 minutes, unless 4 innings (3 ½ if home team is winning) have not been completed. The game must continue until the minimum innings for a regulation game have been met, or until the time limit, whichever comes first. Tournament play will be no new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes.
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  - d. The game shall not continue until order has been restored to the game. If the abusive person refuses to cooperate with the coaches, the police may be called to remove that person. The game shall not continue until the abusive person has been removed from the playing area.
  - e. Any and all incidents need to be reported to Little League President.
  - f. One coach must be in the dugout at all times.
  - g. NO ONE is allowed in the dugouts except coaches and players – NO PARENTS OR OTHER CHILDREN
- 14. End of the Season Tournament:** Tournament will run in a round-robin or modified format – all players will be placed in the batting order. Coin toss will determine home team. Refer to tournament section of 2022 Little League Rule Book.
- In the event that the time limit has been exceeded and the game is tied. We will move to the tie breaker rule immediately at the start of the inning. The last out will be placed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Base. There will be no outs on the board. The inning will be played as normal. At the end of the inning the team with the highest score will be declared the winner.
- 15. Cancelled Games:** When games are cancelled, it is the managers' responsibility to contact the scheduling coordinator, whose number is available on your list of board members. Managers are responsible for notifying their players/parents. Cancelled games, due to weather, will be posted via Facebook and sent to coaches via text/email.
- 16. Lack of Players:** We encourage you to play the game even if there are only 8 players available. If needed, borrow players from the other team. We are here for the kids.
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2. **Playing Time:** Refer to the rulebook. Each player shall play six (6) consecutive outs and bat at least one (1) time.
3. **Pitching Rules:** Maximum of six (6) innings per week. If more than three (3) innings are pitched, the pitcher must have a game rest. Official inning count must be kept and signed by opposing coach. Failure to record innings pitched will result in the following punishment:

1<sup>st</sup> offense = warning

2<sup>nd</sup> offense = 1 game suspension for the team manager

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- a. Pitching distance: Player and Coach 35 feet
- b. Players will pitch to opposing teams
- c. A maximum of 4 player/pitcher walks will be allowed per half inning. Batter runner may not advance to 2<sup>nd</sup> base when walked.
  - i. After 4 player/pitcher walks have been exhausted, a coach /pitcher will enter the circle.
  - ii. The Coach/Pitcher will be allowed to throw 3 pitches per batter. All will be considered strikes.

If the pitch is not put into play by the last pitch, the batter is out. EXCEPTION: If the last pitch is a foul ball, pitching continues until the ball is hit and put in play or the batter is called out.

- iii. Batter will NOT be awarded a base on a Hit by Pitch from Coach/Pitcher.
  - d. If a batted ball hits the Coach/Pitcher, the ball is dead and a single is awarded. At no time shall the Coach/Pitcher obstruct play.
  - e. Player/Pitcher must have one foot in the circle at the time Coach/Pitcher is pitching.
  - f. Coach/Pitcher must stay in the circle during play and MAY NOT provide Coaching assistance.
  - g. Coaches may NOT warm up their pitchers.
4. **Batting Order:** All players present will be placed in the batting order. If a child shows late, she will be placed at the end of the batting order. If a player must leave the game, their place will be crossed out and no out will be given for any missed at-bat.
  5. **Time Limit:** Games shall last no longer than 1 hour 30 minutes, with no new inning after 1 hour 15 minutes, unless 4 innings (3 ½ if home team is winning) have not been completed. The game must continue until the minimum innings for a regulation game have been met, or until the time limit, whichever comes first. Tournament play will be no new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes.
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2. **Playing Time:** Refer to the rulebook. Each player shall play six (6) consecutive outs and bat at least one (1) time.
3. **Pitching Rules:** If a pitcher pitches more than (3) innings in a game, then a one (1) game rest is required. If a pitcher pitches three (3) innings or less, then no games rest will be required. Max 6 innings pitched per week. If a pitcher pitches 1 inning or more, no calendar days' rest is required. Official inning count must be kept and signed by opposing coach.
  - a. Coaches may NOT warm up their pitchers.
4. **Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike Rule:** batter becomes a runner when a 3<sup>rd</sup> strike called by an umpire is not caught, providing,
  - e. first base is unoccupied
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6. **Time Limit:** Games shall last no longer than 2 Hours with no new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes, unless 4 innings (3 ½ if home team is winning) have not been completed. The game must continue until the minimum innings for a regulation game have been met, or until the time limit, whichever comes first. Tournament play will be no new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes.
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  - g. NO ONE is allowed in the dugouts except coaches and players – NO PARENTS OR OTHER CHILDREN

- 12. End of Season Tournament:** Tournament will run in a round-robin format – all players will be placed in the batting order. Coin Toss will determine home team. Refer to the tournament section of the 2022 Little League Rule Book.
- In the event that the time limit has been exceeded and the game is tied. We will move to the tie breaker rule immediately at the start of the inning. The last out will be placed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Base. There will be no outs on the board. The inning will be played as normal. At the end of the inning the team with the highest score will be declared the winner.
- 13. Cancelled Games:** When games are cancelled, it is the managers' responsibility to contact the scheduling coordinator, whose number is available on your list of board members. Managers are responsible for notifying their players/parents. Cancelled games, due to weather, will be posted via Facebook and sent to coaches via text/email.
- 14. Lack of Players:** We encourage you to play the game even if there are only 8 players available. If needed, borrow players from the other team. We are here for the kids.
- 16. Scorebooks:** Scorebooks and innings pitched sheets must be kept, signed. Pitch counts will be turned in following each game to the coach's coordinator. Scorebooks will be turned in at the end of the season.
- 15. Coaches Reminder:**
- a. You are role models for the youth in this program. POSITIVE behavior sets an important example for the players and fans.
  - b. Umpires are to be treated with RESPECT. No arguing judgment calls. A coach may ask the umpire for timeout to handle any question about a rule interpretation. Both coaches will then meet the umpires between the pitcher's mound and home plate with their rulebooks and work the problem out in a civil manner. Show the players that problems can be worked out in a positive manner.
  - c. Parents, grandparents, and friends have come to the game to watch the children play, not watch the coaches' coach.
  - d. Negative behavior will be investigated and could result in suspensions.

Let's make sure that everyone has an enjoyable season.  
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