

CRANBURY PLAINSBORO LITTLE LEAGUE
2011 LEAGUE RULES FOR ROOKIE DIVISION

The Little League Baseball 2011 Official Regulations and Playing Rules will be adhered to at all times with the following modifications:

Game Length

Maximum of 6 innings. The game must be stopped at the two-hour time limit from the designated start time indicated on the schedule. Practice will be the first 30 to 45 minutes prior to the game time. Both teams will switch taking infield practice (visitors first).

Length of an Inning

If a child makes an out, he or she should be removed from the base. Each team should bat through the entire order, meaning 3 or more outs may be recorded during a particular half inning. The last batter's time at bat will be played as if there are two outs.

Playing Time

All players will bat with the order remaining fixed. There will be 10 defensive players (4 outfielders LF, LC, RC, RF). Free substitution in the field. Managers and coaches should evenly distribute playing time and positions.

Batting

Each batter will get a **MAXIMUM** of 5 pitches from his/her team's coach or manager (if the 5th pitch is fouled off, an extra pitch will be awarded). No strikeouts while a batter is being pitched to. A tee will be used after the 5th pitch where the player will get an additional 3 swings (foul on 3rd swing, another swing is allowed). A coach or manager may position a child in the batter's box. The coach or manager should remove the tee after the ball is hit to prevent an accident at home plate.

Bunting

Bunting is not allowed.

On-Deck Position

Due to safety reasons, this position has been eliminated.

Pitching

The team at bat will be pitched to by their own coach or manager. The pitcher will be no more than 10 feet in front of the normal pitching rubber. Pitchers must throw overhand, from a standing position. If the ball hits the pitcher it is a fair ball. If the (coach/manager) pitcher catches it, it is replayed.

A player from the defensive team will act as pitcher and must have at least one foot on the pitcher's mound area, and to either side of the manager/coach pitching.

Infield Fly

The infield fly rule will not be in effect.

Overthrows

Only one base on an overthrow to any base. The runner gets the base they are going to plus one more.

Throwing the Bat

Throwing the bat is not permitted. A player who throws the bat shall be immediately instructed not to do so again.

Sliding

- All slides are to be feet first. If any child slides headfirst, they are automatically out, with the exception of returning to a base in a rundown/pickoff.

- The children should be taught to slide at close plays to 2nd or 3rd base.
- The runner must slide on any play at home.
- No slides at 1st base.

Catchers

- Make sure that the equipment fits properly and that the throwing hand is protected behind the catcher's back. A coach will stand off to the side to back up their catcher to speed the game. This coach must wear a mask.
- If the catcher is on base with two outs, a substitute runner will be placed to allow for the catcher to gear up. In all cases the player who made the last out will be the pinch runner.

Defensive Coaches

The defensive team may have two coaches in the field to help position the players and give them direction. They must be on the outfield grass.

Play Stoppage

On a ball hit to the outfield, the play is stopped after it reaches an infielder on the infield grass or skin. The runner is entitled to the base they are running to unless a play is made on them. On a ball hit to the infield, the play is over after it is thrown to the pitcher.

Umpires

Coaches and Managers will assume the duties of umpiring the game.

Jewelry

Players are not permitted to wear watches, earrings, chains, etc. anytime during a game.

Uniforms

Players will wear CPLL uniforms supplied by the League (shirts, hats) during a game. No other hat is permitted to be worn except the CPLL hat issued. Plastic or rubber spikes (no metal) or sneakers are to worn. Coaches should wear CPLL issued hats.

First Aid Kit

At least one first aid kit must be present at the field between the two teams for the game to begin.

Be Safe and Have Fun!