

HAMMONTON LITTLE LEAGUE

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House Rules – Boys Major League

The Hammonton Little League (HLL) operates under the rules established by Little League Baseball Incorporated (www.littleleague.org). Each coach is provided an official manual of rules prior to the start of the season and is responsible for reviewing, understanding and conducting their team's play and actions following the established rules.

The HLL is dedicated to the development and welfare of the children participating in our program. To that end the HLL has established modifications to the Little League Baseball rules ("House Rules") to address specific concerns. The following items describe the HLL House Rules as they apply to the play at the Boys Majors division.

Mandatory Play-2015 Little League Regulation IV(i); pgs.34-35

- Mandatory play for each player is 6 consecutive defensive outs, and 1 at bat per game, unless a player is utilized as an Extra Hitter (EH).
- An EH may be utilized to fulfill the requirements of mandatory play. The use of an EH adds a player to the batting lineup, making a total of ten (10) players within the batting order. The EH must stay in the lineup for the entire game unless he is injured, in which the EH would not be replaced. A player on the team's roster may be utilized as an EH provided that they have not been used as an EH in any of the team's previous two played games.
- Mandatory play rules do not apply for games shortened by the HLL surrender rule, rain or time.
- Violations of the Mandatory Play rules will be handled consistent with the 2015 Little League Official Playing rules.

Game Scheduling-2015 Little League Regulation VII; Rule 4.10 and 4.11

- A non-started game postponed due to weather or shortage of players for any team will be rescheduled at the first and next possible date open on the official game schedule that does not conflict with league rules, unless otherwise determined by the league President in consultation with the division representative. Pitching rules will apply based on the new game date.
- When two (2) Boys Majors games are scheduled (back-to-back) on the same day, the first game must be played to completion before the second game begins.

Field Decorum-2015 Little League Regulation XIV

In order to expedite the change of field between half innings, a manager or coach (adult only) is allowed to warm-up the pitcher.

Substitutions-2015 Little League Rule 3.03; pg. 66-67

A starter or substitute can re-enter the game for any player in any batting or fielding position provided that their original substitute completed at least one (1) at bat and six (6) defensive outs.

Starting & Ending a Game-2015 Little League Rule 4.00

- At any time after 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is winning), if any team is down 10 or more runs, the game will be considered over. If the visiting team goes up by 10 runs in the top half of the 5th inning, or later, the home team shall have the ability to bat in the bottom half of the inning to reduce the run deficit to less than 10 runs in order to keep the game live.
- A team cannot start a game if, after 15 minutes from the scheduled game start time, the team does not have a minimum of 8 players. The game will be rescheduled for the next possible date open, or a date determined by the League President in consultation with the division representative, on the official game schedule.
- If a team plays with 8 players, the batting position of the 9th batter will be considered an automatic out.
- If a game is started with 8 or more players and a team cannot field players (for whatever reason other than substitution rules) such that they cannot field at least 8 players, then:
 - If the game has not completed 1 inning, the game will be stopped, rescheduled at the next available date and restarted.
 - If the game has completed 1 inning or more, the game will be stopped, rescheduled at the next available date and continued from the exact point where the original game was halted.

Notes:

- Coaches shall make every effort to field a team of at least 8 players for each game.
- The “next available date” may be the next calendar day.
- Standard pitching rules apply in all situations.
- If the game cannot be rescheduled and played prior to the end of the season, the team causing the original postponement will be assessed a forfeit.
- If it has been determined by the League President, in consultation with the division representative, that a team has intentionally manipulated its roster so as to deceitfully avoid playing a game, disciplinary action may be taken against that manager and/or the team including suspension and/or forfeiture.

Starting & Ending a Game-2015 Little League Rule 4.11 & 4.12

- Games halted or called due to weather will adhere to 2015 Little League Rules 4.11 & 4.12

Curfew Rules

- All games are expected to begin on time. Teams will forego infield/outfield pre-game activities, if necessary, in order for games to begin on time.
- Boys Majors games shall begin at 5:30 PM. If there is no second game on the evening of a 5:30 PM game, the game may continue until a winner evolves, in accordance with the 10:00 PM rule below. If there is a second game scheduled for that same evening, the game shall begin at 8:00 PM or immediately following the conclusion of the first game.
- During school nights (Mon – Thurs), a Major League game may not start a new inning after 10:00 PM. On Friday and Saturday, a Major League game cannot start an inning after 10:30 PM.