

# **BRET HARTE LITTLE LEAGUE and CALAVERAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE INTERLEAGUE PLAY AGREEMENT**

**02-01-2024**

## **1) OBJECTIVE (2020)**

This local interleague Play Agreement applies to Both Bret Harte and Calaveras National Little League's and are approved by the Board of Directors of each league. This Agreement clarifies that the 2024 Little League Rule Book will govern the game play between the two league's and clarifies the local playing rules as set forth in this agreement.

## **2) DEFINITIONS (2020)**

- a) Shall: a procedure or practice that is mandatory.
- b) Should: a procedure or practice that is recommended.
- c) May: a procedure or practice that is optional.
- d) (Date): year when an article was incorporated or last modified.

## **3) EXCLUSIONS (2020)**

The Junior Division is excluded from this agreement as it is under a separate agreement with the rest of District 15.

## **4) CHANGES TO THE AGREEMENT AND LOCAL PLAYING RULES (2020)**

- a) The procedure for creating a new local playing rule shall be as follows:
  - i) A new local playing rule or changes to an existing local playing rule can only be implemented after approval of the Board of Directors of all leagues.
  - ii) Rule approval requires a majority vote at a Board of Directors' meeting who shall also state when the new rule will become effective.
  - iii) The Board of Directors shall incorporate the approved new rule into this agreement and distribute it to all their respective managers.

## **5) CODE OF ETHICS (2020)**

- a) Managers, coaches and assistant coaches shall not:
  - i) Partake of alcoholic beverages prior to or during participation in any activity involving the coordination or supervision of youths.
  - ii) Smoke or use tobacco on the playing area (only way off the field or the activity)
  - iii) Use severe and/or profane language in the presence of youths.
  - iv) Cause or incite disturbances by prolonged, loud or frequent disagreements with game officials' judgment or decisions. The Umpires' decision is final.
  - v) "Heckle" or "ride" an opponent; nor permit your team to do so."

- vi) Commit any act of poor sportsmanship or personal conduct that may bring discredit to your team, the Local League or fellow coaches within the various programs.
- vii) Physically abuse or mishandle any player, coach, official or spectator.
- viii) Drug use on or off the playing area shall not be tolerated.
- b) Managers, coaches and assistant coaches shall (2020)
  - i) Do everything possible to control the attitude of all players, parents, and spectators by setting the best possible example of sportsmanship at all times.
  - ii) Strive to teach, coach and play more by the "Spirit" of the rules than by the "Letter" of the rules.
  - iii) Spread the philosophy - "ROOT FOR YOUR TEAM - NOT AGAINST THEIR TEAM"
  - iv) Remember at all times, the various athletic programs are primarily for the youth - not for the coaches and parents.
  - v) Adhere to and work within the framework of the volunteer criteria and dismissal policy.
  - vi) Report all accidents that require medical care to the Safety Officer within twenty four (24) hours.

## 6) GENERAL PLAYING RULES (2024)

- a) The "Home Team" is responsible for field preparation of his/her game. The away team is encouraged to help with field preparation to promote sportsmanship, cooperation, and to start games on time.
- b) The "Home Team" is responsible for providing an Official Scorekeeper for the game.
- c) The "Home Team" is responsible for providing two (2) new game balls for each game. If more balls are required during the game they will be provided on a rotating basis by each team.
- d) The home and visiting teams must clean up the field, dugout and bleacher area after each game.
- e) The "Home Team" shall report the final score the District Administrator within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.
- f) All teams shall report to the playing field regardless of weather, unless notified by the Safety Officer or League President or designee through their Manager.
- g) "Home Team" manager will notify Away Team manager at least 4 hours before game time in the event the field is unplayable so unnecessary travel can be minimized.
- h) Canceled and suspended games shall be rescheduled by the League Presidents or Vice Presidents only.
- i) The "Home Team" Manager shall call the Vice President when a game is cancelled. The League Vice President shall call the opposing team's league and the Umpire Coordinator.
- j) If a ball strikes a defensive player above the shoulders, the ball is dead and the, offensive player(s) may advance one base if, in the umpire's judgment, they were attempting to advance at the time the player was struck.

- k) When playing Bret Harte Little League teams, the home field for Rail Road Flat and West Point teams will be Alex Quiñones Community Park in San Andreas.
- l) When playing Rail Road Flat and West Point teams, the home field for Copperopolis, Arnold and Murphys teams will be the Frogtown ball fields in Angels Camp.

7) POOL PLAY GUIDELINES (2024):

- a) Pool Players can be utilized during Interleague Play. Pool players must be from the same league as the team requesting pool players. A Pool Player list shall be kept by the leagues with names of players who wish to be used as pool players. Pool players shall not be contacted by team managers and coaches prior to game time.
- b) Pool players may be utilized to ensure a team has at least ten (10) players available for a game. Pool players must play nine (9) consecutive outs, and bat once in each game and may not pitch.
- c) Pool players shall wear their regular season uniform from their regular season team.
- d) Pool players are to play OUTFIELD ONLY. Pool players are permitted to allow the regular players on the team to play the game, not to influence the outcome by playing position of Pitcher or Catcher

8) MAJOR LEAGUE RULES (2020)

- a) Teams shall start and finish with a minimum of nine (9) players.
- b) The Mercy Run Rule 15/10/8 will be in effect. Rule 4.10 (e)
- c) If a game can be declared official as defined in the Official L. L. Rulebook, then no inning shall start 30 minutes prior to another scheduled game for the occupied field.

9) MINOR LEAGUE RULES (2020)

- a) Teams shall start and finish with a minimum of nine (9) players.
- b) Inning - The side shall be retired on three outs or a 5-run limit is to be imposed, which would complete the half inning. Clarification: A maximum of 5 runs is all that can be recorded each inning, prior to the last inning which shall be open to unlimited scoring. Note: If more than the 5th run of an inning scores on a play, umpires and players are instructed to continue play until the play is over, then record in the scorebook the actual play result, but to only allow a maximum of 5 runs scoring in the inning for the purposes of determining the final score of the game. In other words, if a player hits a home run where the final inning count would be 7 runs, allow and record the home run but only count 5 runs scored for the inning.
- c) The last inning will be played "open" meaning all runs will count prior to recording 3 outs.
- d) The Mercy Run Rule 15/10/8 will be in effect. Rule 4.10 (e)
- e) The continuous batting order is mandatory - Rule 4.04
- f) A base runner will not be allowed to advance a base by stealing, passed ball, or wild pitch if the offensive team has a lead of 6 or more runs.
- g) Batter will not be allowed to advance to first on a dropped third strike.

- h) If a game can be declared official as defined in the Official L. L. Rulebook, then no inning shall start 30 minutes prior to another scheduled game for the occupied field.
- 10) MACHINE PITCH RULES (2020)
- a) Only League approved volunteers will be allowed to operate the pitching machine.
  - b) Games are four (4) innings or last inning started, before one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes. You must complete the inning before calling the game.
  - c) Teams may start and finish with less than nine (9) players.
  - d) Two (2) coaches are allowed in the outfield to direct the defensive players.
  - e) The machine used (Louisville Slugger UPM 45 Blue Flame) shall be set up with the FRONT STABILIZER BAR between 38 to 41 feet from home plate. It is not to be Set up on the mound. The settings shall be 3 on the MICRO ADJUST, 4 on the RELEASE BLOCK and 5 on the POWER LEVER. This will produce a pitch approximately 40 mph from the distance of 39-41 feet. The defensive pitcher shall be position either to the left or right of the Coach/Volunteer and no closer than 5 feet of the machine and no closer than 46 feet from home plate. If the ball hits the machine or Volunteer - the ball is dead and runners advance 1 base.
    - i) An approved Little League baseball that meets RS standards will be used for game play.
  - f) The batter is allowed seven (7) pitches or three (3) swinging strikes. There are no walks. The batter does not strike out on foul ball seventh (7th) pitch.
  - g) If the batter throws the bat; first time, the batter should receive a warning, second time and thereafter the batter is out and no runner may advance.
  - h) The side shall be retired on three outs or a five-run limit is to be imposed, which would complete the half inning.
  - i) The continuous batting order is mandatory - Rule 4.04
  - j) If a ball is hit to the outfield, the play should be considered over once the fielder relays the ball to the infield and the ball is picked up prior to the base runner reaching either 2nd or 3rd base. If the base runner is advancing to the next base at the time the infielder takes possession of the ball, it is runner's option to continue attempting to advance to the next base. It should be discouraged by the Manager/Coach to encourage running towards home with the intent to score recognizing the play should be considered over.
  - k) Umpiring is defined as followed
    - i) Base Coach should make the call for their base.
    - ii) Pitching Coach should make the call for second and home base.
- 11) TEE BALL RULES (2020)
- a) Games are three (3) innings or last inning started, before one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes. You must complete the inning before calling the game.
  - b) Two (2) coaches and (1) manager are allowed in the field to direct the defensive players.

- c) If the batter throws the bat; first time, the batter should receive a warning, second time and thereafter the batter is out and no runner may advance.
- d) All batters on roster shall bat to constitute an inning.
- e) An approved Little League T-ball ball will be used for game play.
- f) If a ball is hit to the outfield, the play should be considered over once the fielder relays the ball to the infield and the ball is picked up prior to the base runner reaching either 2nd or 3rd base. If the base runner is advancing to the next base at the time the infielder takes possession of the ball, it is runner's option to continue attempting to advance to the next base. It should be discouraged by the Manager/Coach to encourage running towards home with the intent to score recognizing the play should be considered over.
- g) When an out is recorded the batter or runner shall retire to the dugout.

#### 12) EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS (2024)

- a) Bats must meet Little League requirements as stated in rules 1.10 for each division, regarding size and length. The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat) as adopted by Little League.. Bats stamped Tee-Ball are permissible if requirements are met.
- b) Shoes shall be worn. Cleats are recommended but no metal spikes shall be allowed.
- c) The game ball should be supplied by the "Home Team" Manager. Tee Ball shall play with a ball mark "Little League Tee Ball". Coach Pitch should use a ball that is marked with "IRS", (for regular season play).

#### 13) WEATHER AND CONDITIONS (2020)

- a) Weather restrictions during game play, will solely be at the discretion of the Home Plate Umpire, or the Umpire in Chief of the league if present and or if Home Plate Umpire is under the age of 18.
- b) Prior to games commencing before, during or after a period of rain, it shall be at the discretion of EACH league to play games on their field or to cancel.
- c) League officials, should only call games due to rain by each division starting from the bottom. Therefore giving all fields the opportunity to drain/dry for the later games.

#### 14) FIELDS OF PLAY

- a) Calaveras National Little League incorporates the use of the San Andreas Ball Park.
- b) Brett Harte Little League incorporates the use of the Frogtown Baseball fields.
- c) All fields are subject to having games played at all locations on any scheduled days of play for all divisions with the exception of certain games as identified in Section 6(l) and 6(m)

This Agreement is entered into by all leagues and the signatures below signify that the Board of Directors of Bret Harte Little League and Calaveras National Little League have approved this agreement for Interleague play and will distribute this agreement to all managers and that all managers, coaches, players, umpires and spectators will abide by this agreement and uphold the values of fair play and common sense.

Calaveras National Little League

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