

BALLARD LITTLE LEAGUE 2016 LOCAL LEAGUE RULES

The following key will be used to show to which divisions these Rules are applied:

(ALL) - All divisions

(SRBB) Senior and Junior Baseball **(SRSB)** Senior and Junior Softball

(MAJBB) Major Baseball **(MAJSB)** Major Softball **(AAABB)** AAA Baseball **(AAASB)** AAA or Minor Softball **(89erBB)** 89er Baseball (89erSB) 89er Softball

Note: Tee Ball and 78ers Divisions are not included in the **(ALL)** designation, and the Playing Rules for these divisions are appended herewith.

SECTION 1 - Playing Rules: These 2016 local league rules for Ballard Little League supplement the Official Regulations and the Playing Rules of Little League Baseball Inc. as established for the current playing year.

1. All divisions in Ballard Little League will use the Continuous Batting Order (CBO) per rule 4.04 **(ALL)**.
2. In interleague play, if one team has less than nine players, the other team has more than nine players and there are at least eighteen players at the field at game time; the team with more than nine players will pool enough players to the other team and the game will be played. **There will be no forfeits.** If a game cannot be played or completed for any reason, it will be considered a non-regulation game. In League play, use of the standard pool player system through the Player Agent is strongly encouraged to avoid this situation; if either team is unable to field 9 players within 15 minutes of the scheduled game time, the game will be a non regulation game. Umpires are not obligated to remain for non regulation games but may do so if they wish. **(ALL)**
3. If either team becomes unable to field 9 players during the game, the game will be considered a non regulation game, regardless of score. **(ALL)**
4. During the regular season, no new inning will begin 1 hour 45 minutes after the start of the game. **(89erBB)(89erSB)**
5. During league playoffs, games will have no time limit imposed, and teams will score a maximum of 5 runs per inning, with the exception of the 6th, during which unlimited runs will be allowed (Rule 5.07). **(89erBB)(89erSB)(AAABB)**
6. Per Rule 4.10 (e); the 10 run 'mercy' rule is in effect. **(ALL)**
7. Each batter and base runner must wear a caged batting helmet during regular season and tournament play **(89erBB)(89erSB)** **NOTE:** With written parental permission, any player may opt out of wearing a caged batting helmet during regular season and tournament play. If a written opt-out form is not in possession of the manager, player must wear a caged batting helmet. **(AAABB)(AAASB)(MAJBB)(MAJSB)**
8. Players must wear batting helmets whenever they carry a bat. Practice swings (when permitted) may be taken only in designated warm up area, and never near spectators or other players not wearing helmets. **(ALL)**

9. Any league official has the authority to remove a spectator who is abusive or disruptive in any way. The official shall try to rectify the situation with a warning to the offending person as well to as the managers of both teams. Extreme circumstances may not require a warning. A removed person shall have three minutes to leave the field. The umpires will suspend play until the unruly spectator leaves the field. All ejections must be reported by the league official to either the league president and/or league umpire in chief within 24 hours of the end of the game. **(ALL)**

10. Smoking of any substance, or use of any tobacco products, including e-cigarettes or 'vapes,' is not allowed by coaches or umpires while at the ballpark. Consumption of alcohol at Little League game sites is not allowed. **(ALL)**

11. Seeding for the post season intraleague play-off games will be determined by the regular season record using the following formula: the ratio of wins divided by losses, including ties as a half win. Regular season record will include all interleague games. Ties will be broken first by the record of head to head play, then by a coin toss by BLL Board president or BLL Division Vice President. All post season intraleague playoff games will start with a coin toss to determine home and away team, conducted either by the BLL Board President or BLL Division Vice President. **(ALL)**

SECTION 2 - Field Ground Rules (ALL)

1. **Players should avoid paved areas bordering the field, for safety reasons.**
2. On **open fields** (Loyal Heights, Ballard Community Center, Gilman) managers may, if both managers agree prior to the game, place cones to define a simulated fence if no fence is installed. For 60' games, baseball or softball, the cones shall be approximately 200 feet from home plate, if possible. For 90' games, the cones shall be at least 300 feet from home plate, if possible. Managers will take care that placement of cones does not constrict the playing area of the opposite field. The area beyond the cones will be considered a dead ball area; fair bounding balls into this area will be a two base award from time of pitch, and fair balls in flight beyond the cones will be a home run. **If neither cones nor fences are in place, rules 3 through 5 below apply.**
3. Open field applies to **Ballard Community Center Fields #1 & #2** except as follows:
 - a. On Field #1, a ball hitting the light standard in right center field and staying inside the playing field, is a live ball. If the ball still in flight falls onto or over the sidewalk after contacting the pole it is a home run. If the ball touches the ground and bounds onto or over the sidewalk after hitting the pole it is a two base award from time of pitch for batter runner and all base runners.
 - b. On Field #1, a ball which touches or crosses the sidewalk (on the north side of the fields) shall be called "dead" regardless of whether or not it has been touched by a fielder.
 - c. A fair ball that bounds on or across a paved dead ball area, shall be a two base award from time of pitch to batter-runner and all base runners.
 - d. On Field #1, a fair ball hit on the fly, landing on, or going over the sidewalk shall be ruled a home run.
 - e. On any Field, a ball striking any part of a tree along the Left or Right Field lines shall be ruled a foul ball.
4. Temporary outfield fencing is put up by home teams at **Gilman Park Fields #1 & #2**. In the event the fencing is not installed, open field applies to both fields except as follows:
 - a. A ball which touches or crosses the sidewalk (on the south side of the fields) shall be called "dead" regardless of whether or not it has been touched by a fielder.
 - b. A fair batted ball that bounds on or across a paved dead ball area, shall be a two base award from time of pitch to batter-runner and all base runners.
 - c. A fair ball hit on the fly that lands on or goes over the sidewalk shall be ruled a home run.
5. Open field applies to Loyal **Heights Field #1 and #2** except as follows.
 - a. A ball which touches or crosses the sidewalk (on the north and east side of the field) shall be called "dead" regardless of whether or not it has been touched by a fielder.
 - b. A fair ball that bounds on or across a paved dead ball area, shall be a two base award from time of pitch to batter runner and all base runners.
 - c. A fair ball hit on the fly, landing on, or going over the sidewalk shall be ruled a home run.

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