

2016 Chehalis Little League

Ground Rules

1. All rules printed in the "Official Regulations and Playing Rules for all Divisions of Little League Baseball" will be adhered to by all levels of Chehalis Little League. These ground rules clarify points specifically applicable to Chehalis Little League. Managers and coaches are responsible for knowing the official Little League rules and complying with them. Failure to comply with the rules could result in a suspension or other penalty as determined by the Board of Directors. In no event will a local rule conflict with a rule set by Little League Baseball. Local Ground Rules expire annually.
2. If a 10-run lead exists at the end of four innings, the trailing team will concede the victory and end the game. This rule applies to Majors and AAA divisions. Neither the losing or winning team manager can waive this rule to continue play.
3. A Major League team must field nine players by 15 minutes after game time or forfeit.
4. Rainout games will not be rescheduled, except for Majors & AAA leagues, unless by action of the Board after the number of rainouts is deemed to be so many that the rainouts need to be made up for the good of the league and its players. This does not preclude coaches in other than Majors and AAA leagues from using an open date to make up a game by mutual agreement. Such makeup games must be reported at least 24 hours in advance to the League President.
5. No equipment is to be left on the field. It must be kept in the batter's warm-up area or dugout at all times. Each team shall designate a uniformed, rostered player to act as bat person to be sure bats are retrieved promptly. The bat person should remain in the dugout, not the batter's warm-up area, except while performing his or her duties.
6. Any coach or manager who rushes onto the field for the purpose of disputing a call with an umpire without having first called time-out and had such a time-out recognized by the plate umpire, may be removed from the field without a warning.
7. No person other than a member of the team on the roster, manager or two coaches can be in the dugout or on the field.
8. No player or coaches should visit with spectators during the game. Scorekeepers are not spectators. Players and coaches should not leave the playing field at any time during the game except to go to the restroom or to give changes to the scorekeeper.
9. Any coach or manager restricted from the field by an umpire during a game must leave the Little League complex. After being restricted from the complex, the proper thing to do is to talk to the league president about restriction. President and two other board members will get details from the umpire who threw the coach or manager out of the game and decide if further meetings or penalties are needed.

10. Home team is responsible for providing the official scorekeeper, and being sure an adult is present in the press box to announce and/or run the scoreboard. Home team is also responsible for raking the field following the game and other related duties to maintaining the field. Visitor's team players must police the dugout and spectator area for wrappers and other garbage.
11. Home team records final score in the concession stand. And both teams will record pitch counts on the provided forms.
12. Home team is always on the third base side, and the Visitors team is on the first base side.
13. Managers and coaches must know the pitching rules as they are written in the rulebook. This is of the utmost importance.
14. A manager or coach may not visit the same pitcher more than twice in the same inning, nor more than three times in a game. A visit with the catcher counts as a visit with the pitcher.
15. Major League games are scheduled for six innings. No new inning may start after one hour and forty-five minutes of play if there is a game scheduled after the completion of the current game. Home team is required to record start time of game.
16. The Major League game still tied at the end of 10 p.m. curfew will be settled at the next available time as determined by the president and managers of the two teams involved. Pitching eligibility will take into account who has already pitched in the game (cannot re-enter as a pitcher) and pitching eligibility as determined by other games played.
17. Special rules applying to AAA, AA, A and Rookie leagues are attached.
18. Any adult who has continued interaction with Chehalis Little League participants will have already filled out and submitted to the league President a Volunteer Application Form. In the event any crimes against minor are reported during the background check, that person shall cease any further contact with any children other than their own registered in Chehalis Little league.
19. Warm ups are one hour prior to game time. Any team practicing on the playing field during this time must leave the field when playing team arrives. There will be no practices or batting cages on game days.
20. Alcohol and tobacco of any form are prohibited on the field, benches or dugouts as stated on page 39 section (e) of the Little League rule book. They are also prohibited at any team function, such as practice or team party.
21. Any issues involving players, coaches or fans may result in the suspension of the game until the involved individual(s) is/are removed from the grounds upon request from any umpire or league official.