

# Eau Claire American/National/Elk Mound Little League

## 2011 Major Division Rules

**Mandatory Play:** A player must play a minimum of four (4) defensive innings unless the game is shortened for any reason. Coaches will make every effort to play all players in the infield for a minimum of three (3) consecutive outs unless there is a safety issue to that player. Then the coach will notify the parents and League President of the situation. ALSO each player must play at least three (3) consecutive defensive outs in an infield position. A full team is nine (9) fielders on the defense, with three (3) in the outfield. A minimum of nine (9) players or the game is forfeited.

**Continuous Batting Order:** All players must bat.

**Equipment:** NOCSAE rated helmets must be used. Dangling throat guard must be used for the catcher mask. Catchers (male) must wear the metal, fiber or plastic cup. Catcher must wear a catcher's mitt.

**Bats:** Max. length 33", max. diameter 2 1/4". Must comply with Little League Internals moratorium dated December 30<sup>th</sup> 2010 and follow rule 1.10.

**Pitching:** Pitch count regulation, based on total pitches and required days rest, (see rule book). A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. Suspended and makeup games: pitch count and required days rest regulations must be followed. (*See Regulations VI - Pitchers, and option I.*)

**Counting Pitches:** A scorekeeper from each team and a volunteer from the home team must count the pitches of each pitcher of both teams. At the end of each inning the scorekeepers and the volunteer will check the pitch counts. If there is a discrepancy the volunteer count will be final, if there is no volunteer the home team count is final. Before each game coaches must check both team pitcher tracking forms and after each game coaches must fill out the form and have it signed as required.

**Pitching In Consecutive Days:** Allowed if 20 or less pitches were thrown in the previous game. (*See Regulations VI - Pitchers, and option I.*)

**Pitcher Reentry:** Players once removed from the mound may not return as pitcher.

**Offensive Conferences:** Keep to a minimum.

**Defensive Conferences:** (See rule book).

**On Deck Position:** This player is not permitted on the field or outside the dugout. Lead off batter is permitted outside the dugout between half-innings.

**Sliding:** All runners must slide or attempt to avoid body contact when a tag is being attempted. Base runner must slide feet first while advancing. (See rule 7.08)

**Stolen Base:** A base runner may lead off only after the pitch has crossed the plate. When a runner leaves early (see rule 7.13(a)).

**Special Pinch Runner:** This is not allowed, except for the catcher's position with two outs.

**Intentional Base on Balls:** All 4 pitches need to be thrown. (See Rule 8.05 (k))

**10 Run Rule:** After 4 innings, 3 ½ if home team is ahead.

**Regulation Game:** (Complete) 6 innings, 5 ½ innings if home team is ahead.

**Regulation Game:** (Called) 4 full innings or 3 ½ innings if home team is ahead.

**Tie Game:** (See rules 4.11 (e), 4.12)

**Game Is Called by Umpire:** Game can be called due to weather, darkness or any safety reason by the Umpire. (See rules 4.10 c, 4.10 d 4.11d)

**Canceled Games:** Must be rescheduled and played within five (5) days, on the first open date. (see schedule)

**Infield Fly:** Is a fair ball (not including a line drive nor an attempted bunt) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort, when first and second, or first, second and third bases are occupied, before two are out. The ball is alive and runners may advance at the risk of that ball being caught, or retouch and advance after the ball is touched or caught, the same as any fly ball, If the hit becomes a foul ball, it is treated the same as any foul ball.

**Batting Cage:** Schedule times, home team 5:20 to 5:40, visiting team 5:40 to 6:00

**Dugout:** Home team will occupy the third base dugout.

**Score Board:** Home team will operate scoreboard.

**Field Cleanup:** Home team will be responsible for picking up litter after each game.

**Field Repair:** Home team will be responsible for field maintenance after each game. (home plate area, pitcher mound, base areas, batting cages and pitcher warm-up mound.)

**Game Report:** After every game coaches must record game information on forms in the locker room so our web site can be updated.

**All other Little League International rules apply**