

MILFORD
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RULES

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Milford Little League

League By-Laws & Local Rules

Rev 2021 Season

Milford Little League (“MLL”) has adopted the following as local rules for the 2021 season and these rules will be enforced until amended or modified by the Board of Directors (“BOD”). These rules listed are in addition to or to reinforce those described in the latest edition “Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies.”

1 GENERAL

- 1.1 Milford Little League is a non-smoking complex. Please refrain from smoking and ask others that you may see smoking on the premises, to stop.
- 1.2 Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed on Milford Little League premises.
- 1.3 Dogs must be kept on a leash and kept under control AT ALL TIMES. Dogs are not permitted on the playing fields AT ANY TIME. Owners must clean up after their dogs.
- 1.4 All news and announcements shall be posted on the little league’s website. Go to www.milfordball.com or the MLL Facebook page for all news and announcements such as weather delays, postponements, or change in times. For posting any approved news or announcements, contact the IT officer. The IT officer can be contacted via email, text, or phone call. This information can be viewed on the website under the BOD tab.

2 REGISTRATION

- 2.1 Registration fee(s) will not be refunded as long as there is a team for the child to play on and they are placed on a team.
- 2.2 The Board of Directors will decide on any refund, if any, in the event that a season is cancelled. If a season has started, there will be no refunds.
- 2.3 All fundraiser efforts are non-refundable, i.e. discount cards, etc.

3 PLAYER PLACEMENT

- 3.1 All player-drafting divisions (Baseball & Softball) shall conduct a Conventional Draft as described in the Operation Manual from Little League. Every draft eligible player will be required to attend at least one tryout every season, returning players do not have to tryout unless they elect re-draft (letter from parent to MLL BOD is required).
- 3.2 A player, either returning or new, who is league age 12, and thereby required by Little League Baseball International to play in the Little League (Majors) division, who signs up after the draft, will be placed on a waiting list of eligible players. If a waiver is signed, that player may be placed on a Minor baseball team for the season. If a vacancy occurs in Little League, the remaining 12 year olds in Minor baseball will placed on a draft eligibility list. It is not, and will not, be mandatory for those players to be chosen.
- 3.3 If the loss of a player, in accordance with Regulation III(d), is not reported within seven (7) days, the Manager will receive a one (1) game suspension. If there is a second offense, the Manager will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- 3.4 All injuries occurring during a game or practice must be reported to the Safety Officer for insurance purposes.

- 3.5 Any player that is draft eligible for major league and above that is requesting special consideration in the draft must submit the request to the player agent at least 72 hours prior to the draft. The player agent will review the request and present it to the Board. Player agent and board approval are required.

4 Uniforms and Equipment

- 4.1 The equipment manager will assign all equipment. The equipment manager will then issue, to each manager that requests, equipment the needed items requested. The manager who is receiving the equipment will sign an agreement that explains the equipment is on loan to the manager and the manager is responsible for the returning of equipment within seven (7) days of the end of the season. If the manager fails to return the equipment, the manager will be required to pay in (New Value) the cost of the equipment.
- 4.2 All uniforms and equipment must be turned in within seven (7) days following the team's last game. If Managers and/or players are involved in post-season play, all equipment still must be turned in, then re-issued when necessary (Special Games). **Failure to comply with this rule: the manger the equipment is assigned to shall be billed for the replacement (new) value of the equipment that was not returned.**
- 4.3 The easiest way to collect uniforms is to have players bring a change of clothes to last the last game. It is the Manager's responsibility to ensure that all equipment and uniforms are turned in.
- 4.4 All players 12 years old and younger shall have a facemask or approved C-flap on their batting helmet. This is to prevent facial injuries.

5 GAME SCHEDULES

- 5.1 All league schedules will be made available not less than two (2) weeks prior to the announced Opening Day.
- 5.2 All league divisions will play on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; these days will be the main playing days.
- 5.3 Saturdays & Wednesdays shall be used as rain days.
- 5.4 The schedule shall be made with a Number Designation. Each division will have a schedule for four, five, six, seven, eight, teams. So team 1, team 2, team 3 etc.
- 5.5 During the draft or managers meeting, team names will be selected.

6 FIELD LIGHTS

- 6.1 Lights cannot be used prior to Daylight Savings Time.
- 6.2 Lights used for practice must not be turned on prior to 7:00 pm and must be turned off by 9:15 pm (Senior/Big League by 10:00 pm).
- 6.3 Lights used for games shall not be turned on prior to 7:30 pm, unless directed to do so by an umpire, and must be turned off no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the game.

7 DUGOUTS

- 7.1 Only the approved Manager, two (2) approved Coaches (**team Mom is not considered a coach at the Pitching Machine, Coach Pitch, and T-Ball divisions and is allowed to be in the dugout**) and roster players are permitted inside the dugouts during a game. If the Manager or one (1) of the approved coaches is unable to attend the game, an approved alternative Coach is permitted in the dugout.

- 7.2 Instructional leagues of T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Pitching Machine and Minor softball may utilize additional approved Coaches on the field, if they choose.
- 7.3 MANAGERS WILL LEAVE DUGOUT CLEAN (SWEEP, IF NEEDED) AND EMPTY TRASH CAN AFTER EACH GAME.

8 BASE COACHES

- 8.1 In accordance with rule 4.05(1), teams can utilize two (2) adult base coaches. Two (2) adult base coaches will only be permitted if there is an adult Manager or Coach remaining in the dugout.

9 RESCHEDULING OF GAMES

- 9.1 All re-scheduling of games must be approved by the respective division Vice President (VP) and must be for justifiable reasons (i.e. weather or school related functions).
- 9.2 If a team can field at least nine (9) players and one (1) Coach/Manager, the game shall be played. In the event that there are not enough players for a game and the opposing manager has no objection, a player from another team may play for the team that does not have enough players. That player may not pitch for the team that needed a replacement player. There shall be a pool player roster developed for this need.
- 9.3 Each division Vice President and Player Agent shall develop a pool player roster to assist each manager that requires replacement players from time to time. Such replacements are for family vacations, school events that affect the game for that day, or for last minute players to prevent any team from forfeiting a game. All pool players are to be used on a scheduled event. Only the opposing team's manager or the President or Vice President shall approve a pool player replacement as last minute fill in.
- 9.4 Instructional divisions such as T-Ball, Pitching Machine and Minor softball are permitted to play with less than nine (9) players.
- 9.5 All re-scheduling of games will be on the next available date. Wednesdays and Saturdays are to be used.
- 9.6 A game will be re-scheduled one (1) time for a team not able to field nine (9) players. If the same team is again unable to field enough players for the make-up game, the game may be declared a forfeit. All forfeits are subject to Board approval.
- 9.7 If there has been inclement weather and the BOD has determined that any games are to be postponed, this announcement will be POSTED ON THE MLL WEBSITE (www.milfordball.com) or MLL Facebook page.

10 MANAGER'S, COACH'S, and PLAYER'S CONDUCT

- 10.1 Managers and Coaches must uphold the ideals of sportsmanship and serve as models to the players and parents.
- 10.2 No Manager, Coach, or player shall object to any umpire's judgment decisions.
- 10.3 Questions pertaining to conflict of the Rule Book are permitted as long as the Manager approaches the Umpire in charge of the game in the proper fashion. **Failure to do so will not be tolerated.**

10.4 If a Manager, Coach, Player, or any other member of the team is ejected from a game, they shall:

10.4.1 Leave the Milford Little League Complex for the remainder of the game. If this does not happen within 10 minutes of the Umpire instructing said person, the team will forfeit the game. If the person is a parent of the one of the team players, this person may sit in the parking lot of the complex and wait for the player, **IF AT ANY TIME THERE IS UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT FROM THE PERSON THAT WAS EJECTED, THE GAME WILL BE CALLED AND THE TEAMS THAT HAS THE EJECTED PERSON FORFEITS.**

10.4.2 Not return to their next scheduled game.

10.5 If a Manager, Coach, Player or any other member of the team is ejected from a game a **second time**, they shall:

10.5.1 Be subject to Board approval, will not be eligible for post-season play.

10.5.2 If an ejection is due to fighting, the Manager, Coach, or Player will be suspended from further play until the circumstances are reviewed by the Board of Directors.

11 FIELD DECORUM

11.1 Please review Rule 1.11. In addition:

11.2 Shirt Tails shall be tucked in all the way around the waist.

11.3 Sleeves shall not be rolled up.

12 PRE-GAME WARM-UP

12.1 Prior to the game, teams shall have the field for ten (10) minutes to warm-up.

12.2 The home team shall take the field 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

12.3 The visiting team shall take the field 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

12.4 If a team fails to warm-up during their scheduled time, they will not be granted the field time.

12.5 No batting practice will be done on the field during pre-game warm-up unless it is into a soft toss net.

12.6 Balls shall **NOT** be hit against any Milford Little League fences during any activities, including practice and pre-game warm up.

12.7 Batting Cage rules are posted and shall be followed at all times. Please rake and clean up area when finished using this equipment.

13 HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

13.1 Home team will use the third base dugout.

13.2 Home team is responsible for:

13.2.1 Installing the bases and preparing the field before the game (fields shall be lined);

13.2.2 Providing two (2) new baseballs/softballs to the umpire;

13.2.3 Providing personnel for the press box (one (1) scorekeeper & one (1) announcer);

- 13.2.4 Provide drinks for the umpire after the third inning;
- 13.2.5 Put away the bases and rake or drag field;
- 13.2.6 Clean (Sweep out) home team dugout. Ensure that the players do not use the walls of the dugout as a way to clean cleats;**
- 13.2.7 Empty the trash can in the home team's dugout;
- 13.2.8 Clean and lock the press box, and all gates to field;
- 13.2.9 Pick up trash around bleachers and surrounding area on the home team side;
- 13.2.10 Turn off the lights;
- 13.2.11 Secure all equipment sheds after prepping the field for play. (NO SHED IS TO BE LEFT UNSECURED OR UNATTENDED);
- 13.2.12 All members of the Team (managers, players) are to ensure that the fields are treated with care and consideration. We have one of the best facilities within the State. It is your responsibility to ensure that all trash is picked up when present;
- 13.2.13 Anyone that may be defacing the equipment, or buildings shall be suspended from any further play until a BOD review. Parents shall be financially responsible for any necessary repairs or replacements. A member of the BOD shall be contacted immediately. [contact numbers are in all equipment sheds];
- 13.2.14 NOTIFY ONE (1) OF THE BOARD MEMBERS IF THERE IS ANY BROKEN OR UNSAFE EQUIPMENT / OR CONDITION. The numbers for the BOD is located in all equipment sheds; and
- 13.2.15 The Major League Division Baseball home team Manager shall be required to provide umpires for their scheduled games. One (1) plate and one (1) base umpire along with a person to do pitch count.

14 VISITING TEAMS RESPONSIBILITIES

- 14.1 Visiting Team will use the first base dugout.
- 14.2 Visiting Team is responsible for:
 - 14.2.1 Clean (Sweep out) visitor team dugout. Ensure that the players do not use the walls of the dugout as a way to clean cleats;**
 - 14.2.2 Empty the trash can in the visiting dugout;
 - 14.2.3 Pick up trash around the bleachers and surrounding area the visiting dugout;
 - 14.2.4 All members of the Team (managers, players) are to ensure that the fields are treated with care and consideration. We have one of the best facilities within the State. It is your responsibility to ensure that all trash is picked up when present;
 - 14.2.5 Anyone that may be defacing the equipment, or buildings shall be suspended from any further play until a BOD review. Parents shall be financially responsible for any necessary repairs or replacements. A member of the BOD shall be contacted immediately. [contact numbers are in all equipment sheds]; and

14.2.6 NOTIFY ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS IF THERE IS ANY BROKEN OR UNSAFE EQUIPMENT / OR CONDITION. The numbers for the BOD is located in all equipment sheds.

15 SCORING AND RUN RULE

15.1 The following divisions shall follow the guidelines below:

15.1.1 Minor League, Coach Pitch, and Pitching Machine baseball & softball shall end each inning after five (5) runs have scored or three (3) outs have been made. Exception is the sixth inning – unlimited runs until three (3) outs are made; and

15.1.2 Major League, Jr. League, and Senior League baseball & softball shall follow the run rules prescribed by Little League International. Rule 4.10(e).

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 All games shall start promptly at the scheduled start time.

16.2 There are no time limits unless:

16.2.1 During back to back scheduled games where no other field is available, time limits will be imposed as follows:

16.2.1.1 Weekends: 2-1/2 hour time limit will be imposed from the scheduled start time of a game (MLL games may be backed up in the case of delays due to an extended Milford School District games); and

16.2.1.2 Weeknights: For games scheduled to start at 5:45 pm or 6:00 pm, no new inning may be started after 7:45 pm (MLL games may be backed up in the case of delays due to an extended Milford School District games) except on fields with lights.

16.3 Curfews will be in accordance with Regulation X(a).

16.4 Games must meet the requirements of Rule 4.10 or 4.11 to be official.

17 MEMBERSHIP

17.1 Membership is per the most current Milford Little League Constitution.

17.2 All members that are in good standing are eligible to vote in the election of the Board of Directors.

18 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

18.1 BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

18.2 All individuals attending meetings will be recorded by signing an attendance sheet. This sheet shall be saved to an electronic file.

18.3 All meetings may be recorded via an electronic recording device and later transcribed to paper for permanent record. Transcribed record shall be saved to an electronic file.

18.4 Board Member Resignation

18.4.1 Any board member that resigns during term of office may not return to the board for the following year unless approved by the remaining board members.

18.5 The Board of Directors will meet on the 1st Monday of every month. If the 1st Monday of the month is a holiday, then the Board will meet the 2nd Monday of that month. The public is welcome to attend said meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Board of Directors will then have their meeting at the conclusion of the public meeting.

19 WEATHER RELATED ISSUES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND FIELD PREPARATION

19.1 At times when weather affects games or events, the Little League will use the website for baseline notification of postponements or cancelations.

19.1.1 www.milfordball.com and/or MLL Facebook page shall be used to post these notifications.

19.2 First person to contact to get this information on the website shall be the Information Officer (IT). Call the IT officer first, then text, then via email. If the IT officer is not available, contact the VP of the Little League. These two (2) points of contact ("POC") are listed on the MLL's web page under contact us or the BOD page.

19.3 WHO DETERMINES IF FIELD IS PLAYABLE

19.3.1 Only the VP of the division shall cancel games before game time. They should consult with the VP of Baseball, VP of Softball, and the President of the MLL.

19.3.1.1 Managers and the Umpires shall have the ability to cancel a game not more than 30 mins before game time. The VP of division shall be contacted immediately of the game status by the home team Manager.

19.3.1.2 The VP of Baseball and the VP of Softball shall be contacted by the Division VP when games are cancelled or postponed.

19.3.2 After the game starts, the Umpire in Chief, (Home Plate Umpire) shall make the determination as to whether the field is playable.

19.4 Reasons for postponement shall be unsafe conditions, field cannot be made playable in a reasonable time or weather will not clear the area. All other reasons will be assessed as they may arise.

19.5 For lightning or electrical storms that are present, follow Operations Rule book for Little League and the League's Safety Plan.

19.6 Use of stay dry or other materials to absorb water

19.6.1 A maximum of three (3) bags of stay-dry may be used to absorb any water. If more than three (3) bags are needed then there is too much water and game shall be postponed. This is a regular season rule; this rule will not be followed during tournaments. All tournaments will use all resources needed to continue play.

20 LEAGUE DIVISION ADDENDUMS

20.1 Minor League Softball By-Laws & Local Rules.

20.2 These rules shall be enforced at all times. See attached document.

20.3 Minors, Coach Pitch, Pitching Machine, and Tee Ball shall use a continuous batting order. The manager for each team will bat all players during the regular season. If there are 10 players or more on the team, each player will bat regardless whether the player plays in the field. The manager can insert and remove each player in the field as many times as the manager wants to but always maintaining the batting order.

Example player one starts at first base and bats 2nd. At the end of the 2nd inning, this player is substituted for and now sits out inning 2 & 3 but comes back in to play right field in inning 4. At all times during the games player one remains place in the batting order.

20.4 The Board of Directors, recommendations by the Division VP, shall approve changes to these rules and or the League Managers will weigh heavy on the direction of the BOD.