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Wantagh Fire Dept

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FARM LEAGUE

1. Managers and coaches are expected to read the Little League Rulebook and be familiar with all local rules.
2. Managers and coaches are expected to attend and be prompt at all mandatory meetings.
3. It is the responsibility of the managers and coaches to conduct safe practices, workouts, and games.
4. Managers will have their teams ready to play ten minutes before the assigned game time.
5. In the event of rain please go to www.wantaghlittleleague.com for field status. If the fields are closed games will be made up. Please do not take it upon yourself to try and make the field playable, if not done correctly it will only make it difficult to get the field playable next time it rains. If you have a question on field status please call your league director. Remember safety should be your first priority.
6. There are NO forfeits. Teams will keep Score. There are NO standings.
7. Only league approved balls will be used. (Games AND practices)
8. Managers are advised to rotate fielding positions to give each player a chance at various positions.
9. The managers will designate an adult as the umpire, or the defensive coach for each team.
10. All batters must wear batting helmets when up at bat.
11. Catchers must wear protective equipment. An athletic cup is mandatory. The catcher may use a fielder's glove.
12. The manager or coach will stand on the field while his team is on defense to correct mistakes, but must not interfere with the play. (If hit with the ball, the ball is in play.)
13. The pitcher must stay in contact with the pitching rubber, or designated pitching spot if no pitching rubber is present, while the batter is hitting.

14. The defensive team will have a regulation infield with the remaining players at the game playing outfield, outfielders must play on the grass. All players present will play defense.
15. No infield fly rules; no tag ups; no stealing; and, no leads.
16. A player throwing a bat will be warned for safety purposes. A second throw of the bat during the same at bat will constitute an out for the player and the team.
17. All uniforms are to be kept by the player.
18. All bats, batting tees, etc. must be returned on the specified date.
19. Try to show compassion towards your players. Remember that *they're only 7-8 years old*.
20. Try to control your exuberance and the parents at the game.
21. There is no advancement on overthrows at first base. (Other runners on base at the time may get the next base.) Overthrows at second base, runners advance at their own risk with a maximum of one base. The same at third base.
22. Local rules supercede all other rules.
23. Bases are 60 feet apart and the pitching mound is 42 feet from home.
24. Rainouts will be made up according to field availability.
25. Saturday and Sunday games have two-hour 15 minute limit from starting time. Weekday games have an 8:00 PM curfew. Games are to be played for the full 6 innings weather and time permitting.
26. Home teams are to use first base dugouts.
27. There will be a schedule to help line and maintain the field on Saturday mornings.
28. It is the *responsibility* of each manager and coach to clean up the dugout and playing area (bottles, paper, etc.) after each game and practice.
29. Please *respect* our neighbors and use the parking lot at the school. Try not to use on street parking.
30. Pitchers can pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game or 50 pitches whichever comes first.
31. There are no walks in the Farm League. There are strikeouts in the farms, when a pitcher throws 3 strikes on his or her own before throwing 4 balls the batter is out. After the batter receives ball four, the offensive coach shall pitch. The strike count remains the same. The batter stays up until he/she hits or strikes out. If there were two strikes on the batter when the coach/manager stepped in, the batter gets two strikes. Once the batter is out or on base, the original pitcher must pitch to the next batter in the line up.

32. If the rules are not clear the managers and coaches will talk them over and agree upon them in a gentlemanly manner.
33. The ball is considered not in play when the pitcher has the ball and is within the pitching circle (4 foot circumference). When the pitcher has the ball the runners cannot advance.
34. There will be no head face sliding into any base.
35. The offensive side is considered out when either 3 outs have been made by the defensive team or six batters have batted in one inning no matter how many runs have scored nor how many players are left on base. (This speeds up the game and the batters hit more often.)

Remember, Wantagh Little League can't succeed without you. You are there to teach and help the players. Instruction at this level is of utmost importance. It's just a game and remember the players are there to have fun. You have volunteered for a very important job. Please give it your best effort.

Any questions, problems, or suggestions should be passed onto your league director.

Thanks in advance.

Wantagh Little League Board of Directors

***** *There is NO SMOKING at anytime or anyplace at all school fields* *****