



Bryan National Little League

Official League House Rules

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HOUSE RULES OVERVIEW

All playing rules for the normal season games and end-of-season playoffs will be in accordance with the Official Little League Rule Book provided by Bryan National Little League, with the following exceptions, additions and clarifications that have been approved by the BNLL Board of Directors.

Note: All House Rules are considered secondary to the BNLL Constitution. Please ensure you review and understand the full BNLL Constitution & Bylaws [here](#).

DIVISION DEFINITIONS

All Baseball Divisions are divided based on League Ages defined by Little League International. View the most updated League Age charts here ([2024](#) & [2025](#)).

Players wishing to play up or down a division will need to attend a skills assessment to determine whether they possess the necessary skills to play in the requested division safely. The Executive Board will review all exceptions and vote on them for the final decision.

Note: Playing up or down may affect All-Star Tournament eligibility.

Baseball Divisions	League Age
Tee Ball	4yrs - 6yrs
Junior Minor (Machine Pitch)	7yrs - 8yrs
Senior Minor	9yrs - 10yrs
Majors	11yrs - 12yrs
50/70	13yrs
Juniors	13yrs - 14yrs
Seniors	15yrs - 16yrs

DRAFT PROCESS

See Team Formation and Draft Rules in our BNLL Constitution & Bylaws [here](#). Please note, changes to draft process can take place at anytime with approval from the Player Agent and Board of Directors.

DIVISION-SPECIFIC RULES

TEE BALL

1. Kids should have fun.
2. Games clock starts at 6:00 p.m. No inning may start after 6:45 p.m.
3. If the team in the field gets out, the runner returns to the bench.
4. **Batting Expectations:**
 - a. All players bat each inning.
 - b. A batting helmet must be worn.
 - c. The player will bat until the ball goes into play. (Please assist the batter after 4 or 5 attempts)
 - d. Make sure the batters do not throw bats after swinging.
 - i. Warn the child once.
 - ii. After the second infraction by the same child in the same game, it is an out.
 - e. No lead-offs or base stealing.
 - f. Runners should only advance one base per batter, regardless of where the batted ball goes.

- g. The last batter runs completely around the bases. h. Coaches: One coach to help bat and a coach or team parent at first and third.
5. **Fielding/Defense:**
 - a. Players must be in normal defensive positions with a maximum of 6 players in the infield.
 - b. No bases on an overthrow. When the ball is back to the infield, all base running stops.
 - i. If the ball is lost or leaves the field of play for any reason, hold your runners.
 - c. Coaches: A maximum of four coaches in the field helping the fielding team; do not interfere with the ball when it is in play.
6. Both teams will meet after the game at home plate for a handshake.
7. Do not keep score.
8. There are no umpires, so please be fair and civil.
9. Teams must clean the dugout after the game.

Managers bring to games:

- Tee
- Throw Down Bases
- Tee Balls
- Lineup: This is just to ensure you don't skip anyone and keep the kids moving around to different "positions."

Additionally, in keeping with the spirit of the game, Bryan National will require all batters to hit off the tee for the first half of the season.

For the second half of the season, Coaches may soft-toss to batters to get them used to hitting a thrown ball (no more than three (3) pitches, then use a tee).

- ➔ Batters who don't seem to be ready for a soft toss just continue to use the tee.
- ➔ Runners may advance more than one base at a time (except on an overthrow) if both managers agree to advance bases when hit to the outfield.

JUNIOR MINOR (MACHINE PITCH) & UP

Junior Minors and up will follow the Rules and Regulations outlined by Official Little League and District 33. You can view the rule book [here](#).

PITCHING RULES

Bryan National Little League follows the Official Little League Pitching Rules when it comes to pitch counts, player resting periods, etc. You can find the full rule book [here](#).

Baseball Pitch Count by League Age

- [Ages 6 - 8](#): 50 per day
- [Ages 9 - 10](#): 75 per day
- [Ages 11 - 12](#): 85 per day
- [Ages 13 - 16](#): 95 per day

Pitcher Rest Days by League Age

BASEBALL PITCHERS LEAGUE AGE 14 AND UNDER

- ◆ 1-20 Pitches = 0 Days Rest
- ◆ 21-35 Pitches = 1 Day Rest
- ◆ 36-50 Pitches = 2 Days Rest
- ◆ 51-65 Pitches = 3 Days Rest
- ◆ 66+ Pitches = 4 Days Rest

BASEBALL PITCHERS LEAGUE AGE 15 AND 16

- ◆ 1-30 Pitches = 0 Days Rest
- ◆ 31-45 Pitches = 1 Day Rest
- ◆ 46-60 Pitches = 2 Days Rest
- ◆ 61-75 Pitches = 3 Days Rest
- ◆ 76+ Pitches = 4 Days Rest

EQUIPMENT

TEE BALL

- All Tee Ball Managers will receive:
 - One (1) Tee
 - Throw Down Bases
 - Tee Balls
 - First-aid Kit
 - Practice Guide Book
- Players must provide their own gloves, batting helmets, bats, and cleats.

JUNIOR MINOR (MACHINE PITCH) AND UP

- All Managers will receive a gear bag that includes:
 - Catcher's Equipment (helmet, chest pad, and leg guards)
 - First-aid Kit
 - Twelve (12) Practice/Game Balls
 - Scorebook
 - Pitch Counter (Senior Minor and Up)
- Players must provide their own gloves, batting helmets, bats, and cleats.

Note: All bats and equipment must meet Little League International rules and regulations, including Tee Ball. You can view the approved bat regulations for all divisions [here](#).

FIELD & GAME DAY RESPONSIBILITY

TEE BALL

- Managers are responsible for setting up the Tee Ball fields with the throw down bases ahead of each game. Please ensure you use the throw down bases provided to you, and do not leave them for another game if one is schedule behind you.
 - **Note:** Managers are expected to turn in all equipment at the end of the season and are liable for any lost equipment.

- All Tee Ball games will be held on Harrison Field, and there will be multiple games at a time.
- Tee Ball field names on Harrison are labeled as follows:
 - Harrison - Left Field
 - Harrison - Right Field
 - Harrison - Center Field
 - Harrison - Infield
- Additionally, pop-up benches are located in the Parker Field shed and should be used by players. When finished, please return them to this location in the same condition in which they were found.
 - Please report all broken or damaged equipment to the Equipment Manager immediately.

JUNIOR MINOR (MACHINE PITCH) AND UP

First Game of the Day

- Managers of the Home team are responsible for dragging, chalking & painting their fields as needed in partnership with the Field Maintenance Manager.

Last Game of the Day

Managers of the last game of the night are responsible for:

- Putting away the Scoreboard Controller and all used equipment
- Locking sheds, bathrooms, and field gates.
- Turning off field lights (Make sure families are headed to the vehicles and little ones are too!)

All Games

- The Home Dugout is 3rd base dugout at Bob Bond Park, but this may not be the case at other ballparks (50/70, Juniors and Seniors).
- The Home team keeps the official scorebook. Both teams will need a scorekeeper to sit at the table and run the scoreboard (score, game time, pitch count, etc.).
- Scoreboard controllers will be kept in each field's shed. Please have scorekeepers help set these up.
- Managers shall turn in one copy of their lineup to the official score table or scorekeeper no less than ten minutes before the scheduled game time.
- Managers will bring the remaining copies of their lineup to the plate meeting, which will be given to the plate umpire and opposing team manager.
- The Manager or coach at the plate meeting shall be considered the Manager for that game and will be the only member of the coaching staff allowed to appeal to the umpires and make changes.
- Clocks should not be stopped during games. Umpires are still the only people authorized to end the game, and they may rely on another clock as the official clock in case of scoreboard malfunction.
 - *Senior Minor* – Set the game clock to 1 hour and 30 minutes – no new inning starts after time runs out.

- *Major, 50/70 and Junior* – Set the game clock to 1 hour and 45 minutes – no new inning starts after time runs out.
- Clean trash out of the dugout after each game and practice.
- Each team must physically identify their CPR-trained adult before the start of each game.

CONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY ACTION

SPORTSMANSHIP

1. After each game, all players, managers, and coaches shake hands or give high fives to the opposing team.
2. Foul language or any negative remarks at any time may result in disciplinary action from the Board of Directors.
3. Negative cheering is not allowed at Bryan National Little League. Cheer for your team, not against your opponents. It's okay to be competitive, but we should cheer for each other and support an inclusive culture.
4. Negative cheers or chants referring to the other team will not be permitted. Once the pitcher takes a position on the plate, all chanting must stop.
 - a. Reference to the opposing player's name or number in an attempt to distract or disrupt that player is prohibited.
 - b. Offenders will be warned and/or removed by an Umpire on the field or by any board member.
5. Any act of non-sportsmanship may result in disciplinary action from the Board of Directors, up to expulsion from the league for the remainder of the year.

MISCONDUCT & RULES VIOLATION DISCIPLINARY ACTION

All members of Bryan National Little League should ensure they act respectfully to everyone at all times. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action as follows:

1. **First Offense:** A conversation to review the code of conduct and request a change of behavior. If the behavior does not change, the offender will be asked to leave the property.
2. **Second Offense:** Removal from the property immediately. In the event the person denies to leave the property, local law enforcement will be called to remove the offender.
 - a. As a result of an offender being removed from the property, a written letter is required from the offense to explain what they will do differently before re-entry is granted. The board of directors will make the decision on re-entry.
3. **Third Offense:** The offender will be banned from Bryan National Little League indefinitely (premises and activities) and reported to District 33 and surrounding leagues.

AMENDMENTS

The Bryan National Little League House Rules may be amended at any time during the regular season, and any member of BNLL can ask for an amendment.

- An amendment can be, but is not limited to, a rule addition, a rule subtraction, and a rule modification. Corrections of typos and or spelling mistakes do not require board approval.
 - The President, with Board approval, shall appoint a Rules Committee at the start of each spring season and will be in place for the entirety of the year (including Fall).
 - To request an amendment.
 - Ask the Rules Committee in writing to review or consider a rule amendment. Must give justification for amendment.
 - If accepted by the Rules Committee, the amendment must be recommended to the board of directors by the Rules Committee.
 - The board of directors must then approve the amendment.
 - No amendment requests will be approved if they directly contradict the Little League International or District 33 rules and regulations.
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