



# Lethbridge Little League

## House Rules for Teenage 15-16 Division

2026 Season

- 1) Players will arrive at 5:15 PM on all game nights. Game time is 6:15.
- 2) A team not fielding a minimum of 8 players cannot play a league game. The game is forfeited, and the teams may play an exhibition game.
- 3) The offensive team may have 2 adult base coaches.
- 4) No new inning is to start after 8:15 PM.
- 5) In the event of a rain out 4 complete innings must be played to constitute a complete game. Playoff and tournament rules may be different.
- 6) Maximum of 6 runs per inning, the last inning starting prior to the two-hour time limit will be considered the open inning.
- 7) Games are scheduled for 7 innings.
- 8) There is a 15-run mercy rule after 4 innings. 10 run mercy rule after 5 innings. In the event of the mercy rule being invoked, a new game could be started if time allows.
- 9) All players shall be in the batting order.
- 10) All players must play a minimum of one defensive inning in both the infield AND outfield by the end of the fourth inning of every game – assuming rosters of 12 or less players. Teams with 13 or more players must meet this standard by the end of the fifth inning. An exception to this policy are games that are shortened due to inclement weather.
- 11) To help enhance the player experience, Lethbridge Little League feels strongly that all players, regardless of ability, be given the opportunity to play infield positions. At the same time, coaches must ensure the safety of all players. Safety considerations may prevent certain players from playing the position of catcher or first base, however any player should be able to play either second base or shortstop. If a request is made by a parent to have their child only play in the outfield, Lethbridge Little League should be informed as soon as possible.
- 12) The home team takes the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout and provides game balls. In addition, the home team is responsible for putting bases away and locking gates at the end of the game.
- 13) Any team having to cancel a scheduled game must phone the opposing coach and umpire-in chief at least 1 hour prior to game time for cancellation of game.
- 14) The home team is responsible for rescheduling rained out or cancelled games. Games are to be rescheduled within 3 days from the original and must be played within 2 weeks of the original date. All cancelled or rained out games must be completed before the first date of playoffs. Games may be rescheduled by the program facilitator on a mutually decided date by coaches.



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- 15) It is the responsibility of both teams to see that there is no harassment of the umpires by Managers/Coaches, players or parents. LLL has a "no tolerance" policy when it comes to harassment of an umpire and those individuals doing the harassing will be dealt with accordingly.
- 16) Shoes with metal cleats or spikes are permitted (except while on portable pitching mounds).
- 17) All players MUST wear a protective athletic cup. A catcher must wear shin guards, a long chest protector, and an approved catcher's mask with a throat guard. (Two-piece helmets are not approved, no exceptions). All players will wear a batting helmet when hitting, or on deck.
- 18) BBCOR and USA Baseball approved bats may be used.
- 19) Home team must provide a score keeper (parent volunteer). The visiting team will be the official pitch counter (parent volunteer). Umpires may refer to the scorekeeper for score and time etc.
- 20) Players or Coaches may warm up pitchers during games.
- 21) Intentional walks are permitted although 4 pitches will be awarded to the pitch count.
- 22) Headfirst slides when advancing are permitted.
- 23) A player is not required to slide home plate but must avoid collision with the defensive team.
- 24) Batters may attempt to reach first on a third strike that is dropped or missed by the catcher.
- 25) Leading off is permitted.
- 26) A manager or coach may come twice in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but the third time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. A manager or coach may come out two times in one game to visit with the pitcher, but the third time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher.

### Playoffs:

- 1) All rules above apply.
- 2) All games will be played till there is a winner regardless of time limit.
- 3) Extra inning rules:
  - a) 8th inning no runner on second.
  - b) 9th inning starts with a runner on second.



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### Extra Players:

- 1) Teams may pick up players from the Intermediate Division under these provisions.
  - a) Coaches must notify and receive permission from another team's coach prior to asking parents of said player.
  - b) Players may not be used if they have a scheduled team for their league team.
  - c) Picked up players are prohibited from pitching on any other team outside of their assigned team.

**Any concerns or problems should be forwarded to the Complaints Director**

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