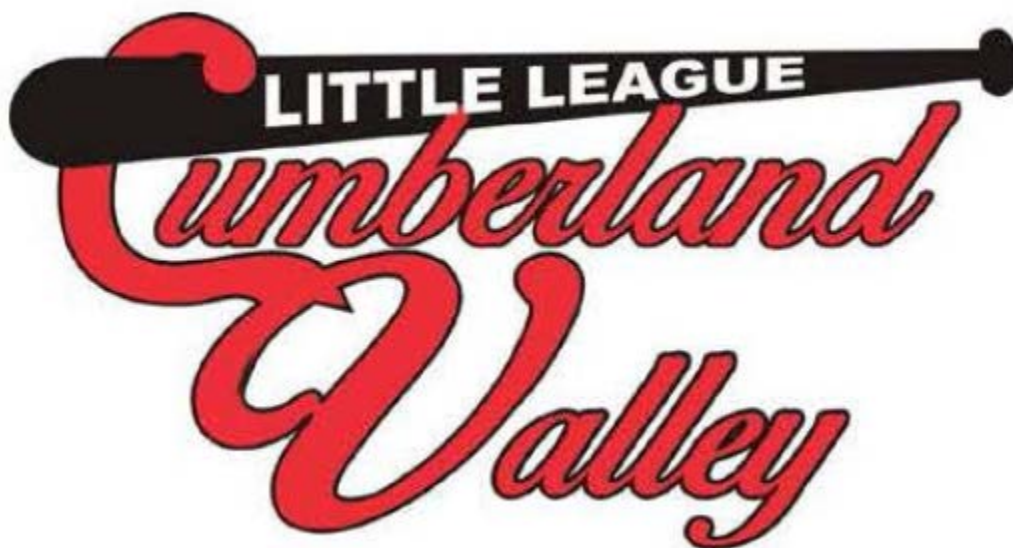


Cumberland Valley Little League

2020 Minor Division



From our Charter:

The purpose and goal of CVLL is to strengthen the values of good sportsmanship and fair play, as well as provide the best possible opportunity for the players and families of CVLL to engage in the sport of baseball.

CVLL is affiliated with Little League Baseball under the name Cumberland Valley Little League. We will follow the rules and regulations that govern Little League Baseball. **The purpose of this book is to provide information specific to our organization and any rule adaptations specifically for CVLL.**

CVLL Code of Conduct – Players, Coaches, and Parents

- The Head Coach is responsible for the behavior of his/her coaching staff.
- All coaches must maintain a reasonable composure at all times. Coaches must keep in mind that they are leaders and role models for the team.
- All coaches are required to know and abide by the division rules and responsibilities as set forth by the CVLL and Little League.
- The use of profane language is prohibited by anyone at all times.
- Abusive language, from any player, parent, coach, or official will not be tolerated.
- Physical contact made in anger will not be tolerated.
- The use of alcohol or tobacco products on the game field, practice field, or when in close proximity to the players is prohibited.
- Coaches should make every effort to develop the skills of every member of the team, as well as, allow each player to get his/her fair share of playing time.
- Coaches are responsible for their players from the beginning to the end of practices/games. Therefore, they (or another designated adult) must stay late, until all players' transportation has arrived.
- The Head Coach, or designee, must be organized, and punctual for all practices and games.
- The coaching staff should make every effort to provide an organized practice involving all players.
- If a player, parent, spectator, or coach believes that this 'Code of Conduct' has been violated; he/she has the responsibility to report the incident for CVLL investigation.
- Violations of this 'Code of Conduct' could result in the immediate dismissal of a coach, player, or parent, an automatic forfeit of the game, or other disciplinary actions as determined by the CVLL board.

HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- Line the field before each game. Place and remove bases for each game.
- Rake the infield after use, repair pitchers mound, and pull bases and plates the bases insert into and plug the holes.
- Notify the President, Assigned Umpire and the visiting team coach of any game cancellations no later than one hour before the official game start.
- Supply two new baseballs for each game.
- Pay the umpire fees. (Majors and Minors)

GENERAL CVLL PLAYING RULES

- All players wearing a complete uniform in attendance at a league-sanctioned game must play at least two consecutive innings (six outs in the field/one-at-bat).
- For **disciplinary reasons** a coach may choose not to enter a player in a game. The coach is responsible for notifying the opposing coach, player and player's guardian before the start of the game.
- Athletic supporters and cups for male catchers are required and strongly encouraged for all players.
- All games shall begin at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise noted.
- No new inning may be started after 8:00 PM. (Except at the Major and Minor level, where it is up to the Umpire's discretion).
- On the third trip to the mound in an inning, or the fourth trip to the mound in a game, a pitcher must be removed.
- While sliding is acceptable and should be taught, crashing is prohibited. Headfirst slides are prohibited, except when returning to a base. A player who violates either of these rules will be called out and may be removed from the game at the discretion of the umpire.
- Protests may be submitted for review to the President within 24 hours of the incident. They will take appropriate action, board rulings are final.
- Games will be scheduled by the organization. All games must be played on the day they are scheduled, unless both teams agree to move the game. The President must be notified of any schedule change.

PITCHING RULES (Major, Minor & Pony)

CVLL adheres to the Little League guidelines for pitching. Below is a summary of those guidelines, but any discrepancies need to be clarified in the official Little League Handbook.

(a) Any player on a regular season team may pitch. (**NOTE:** There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.)

(b) A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher.

(c) The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

- 11 year olds and 12 year olds - 85 pitches per day
- 9 year olds and 10 year olds - 75 pitches per day
- 7 year olds and 8 year olds - 50 pitches per day

Exception: Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in Regulation VI (c) for his/her league age while facing a batter the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning. **Note 1: A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.**

(d) Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51 - 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21 - 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

- The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either head coach or umpire. However, the head coach is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.
- The pitch count recorder or head coach should inform the umpire when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game. At that time the pitcher must be removed.
- Violation of the pitch count can result in a protest of the game which could result in a forfeit.
- A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day
- Pitches delivered in suspended games/unfinished innings shall be charged against the pitcher's eligibility.

Inter-League Play

CVLL may schedule Inter-League games. When this occurs, the following guidelines apply:

- We will abide by the home teams playing rules. It is the coaches' responsibility to learn changes in the rules, and discuss any concerns prior to starting the game.
- Both leagues will share rosters of registered players upon request
- Both leagues will share records of pitch counts each week, or upon request.

GAME DAY FIELDING / BATTING PRACTICE

- The home team will use the field for fielding/batting practice from 5:00 PM to 5:25 PM - or- the 25 minute time period beginning one hour before the scheduled game start.
- The visiting team will use the field for fielding/batting practice from 5:25 PM until 5:50 PM -or- the 25 minute time period immediately preceding the scheduled game start above.

COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

- Both teams' coaches will inspect the field before each game. If improvements are required, both team's coaching staffs will work together to make the improvements.
- Coaches must inform the umpire of any ground rules prior to the start of the game.
- Coaches must have player medical release forms, team rosters, and CVLL rules available at each game.
- At the Minor and Major level, the winning coach must report the game score via the form submission.
 - <https://forms.gle/W7SeT35TWkXP1bmDA>
- Pitching information is the responsibility of each coach to submit no later than 24 hours after the finish of the game by using the survey form below.
 - <https://forms.gle/1Mjj2u2UppFK2EUh7>

INJURIES

- Injuries requiring professional medical attention will be handled by calling 911 or by transporting the player to the nearest medical treatment center.

- Head coach should notify President if a medical incident occurs.

MINOR DIVISION RULES

Little League Rule Book

- At the Minor Level, all games will follow the Little League Rule Book.

Season Game Format

1) Regular Season Schedule

- a. Regular season records and standings will be kept.
- b. When playing other townships, their home field rules will apply. It is the coach's responsibility to review and understand all rule changes prior to starting the game.
- c. Standings
 - i. Standings will be determined by a point system. Teams will get points based on wins/losses/ties.
 - a. Win = 2 points
 - b. Tie = 1 point
 - c. Loss = 0 points

2) Playoffs

- a. At the end of the season, the all 6 teams will make the playoffs.
- a. To break any tie in the standings we will use the following criteria in this order.
 1. Head to Head
 2. Least number of runs allowed during the season.
 3. Greatest number of runs scored during the season.
- b. Any game tied after regulation play will continue one inning at a time at the umpire's discretion until a winning decision results. If the game is still tied and not completed because of darkness, then the two teams will continue the game the next day.

1st Round

Bye vs. Regular Season #1 seed

Bye vs. Regular Season #2 seed

Regular Season #6 seed vs. Regular Season #3 seed (Home)

Regular Season #5 seed vs. Regular Season #4 seed (Home)

Semi-Final

Winner lowest seed left vs. #1 Seed (Home)

Winner highest seed left vs. #2 Seed (Home)

Championship

Winners of Semi-Final games, highest seed will be home team.

Fielding a Minor Division Team

- A team must be able to field nine players to start a game and have a minimum of eight players at the end of the game; otherwise the game will be forfeited to the opponent.
 - Call up list is provided to all coaches to call up players in the event they are projected to start with 9 they may call up 1 player from Pony but the player must be on the list of approved call ups.
 - List will be shared with all Minors coaches.
- A scrimmage game will be played, if either team does not field the minimum number of players.
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Pitching Eligibility

- Little League pitch counts will be used as explained in pitching rules of this book.
- An 8 or 9-year old pitcher must start and finish an inning by the completion of the fourth inning. More than one 8 or 9-year old pitcher may be utilized to accomplish this.
- Any pitcher, who hits three batters in the same inning or four batters in a game, will be removed from pitching for the duration of the game.

Inning Run Limit Rule

- There is a 5-run limit per inning. Unlimited runs are allowed in the last inning. If the umpire states that this is the last inning before it starts then this inning becomes unlimited.

Ten Run Rule

- If the home team leads by ten or more runs after 4 ½ innings -or- the visiting team leads by ten runs after 5 innings, the game is officially over.

General Rules

- The infield fly rule will not be in effect.
- Each team will bat the entire lineup and use free substitution throughout the game. Injury will not result in an out for that spot in the lineup. Players arriving late will be added at the end of the lineup. Each player must play at least two consecutive innings in the field.
- **Stealing home and delayed steals of home are not permitted. The only way to score a run is with a ball in play or a bases loaded walk.**
- **On a steal of second base or 3rd base the runner(s) are not able to take an extra base. We want all catchers to attempt to make the throws.**

Rain Outs and Postponements

- The President will be responsible for rescheduling rained out and postponed games.
- The home team shall decide the playing site and reschedule the umpires. The games will be played on the earliest calendar date available. Effort should be made to reschedule makeup games the next night that both teams are free within a 10-day period.
- Rescheduling may force a team to play three games in one week. When the date is set, a team that does not show will forfeit the game. In the case of rainouts on succeeding nights, the games will be rescheduled in the order of the postponements. The representative of the home team is responsible for notifying the team that is scheduled to practice on the designated make-up date that the field is not available for practice.
- It is recommended that Fridays and Saturdays be the reschedule days for Minors.
- The umpire solely will be responsible for calling a game after the game has begun.

Games Called Due to Darkness or Rain

- Any game called due to darkness or rain will be considered a complete game if:
 - Four innings have been completed.
 - The home team of record has scored more runs in 3 innings than the visiting team has scored in 3 ½ innings.
 - The home team scores one or more runs in its half of the fourth inning to tie the score.
- Any game tied after four complete innings of play and is not completed due to darkness or inclement weather will remain a tie for the record.

LITTLE LEAGUE PLEDGE

I trust in God
I love my country
And will respect its laws
I will play fair
And strive to win
But win or lose
I will always do my best

AED Locations:

Stony Ridge



Monroe Fields

