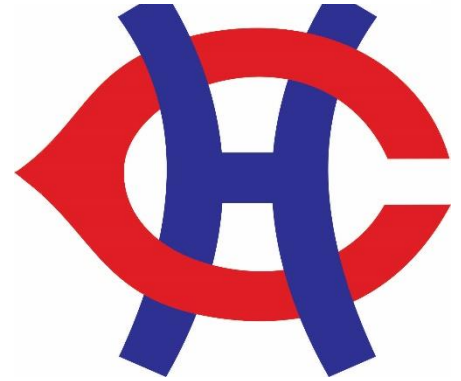
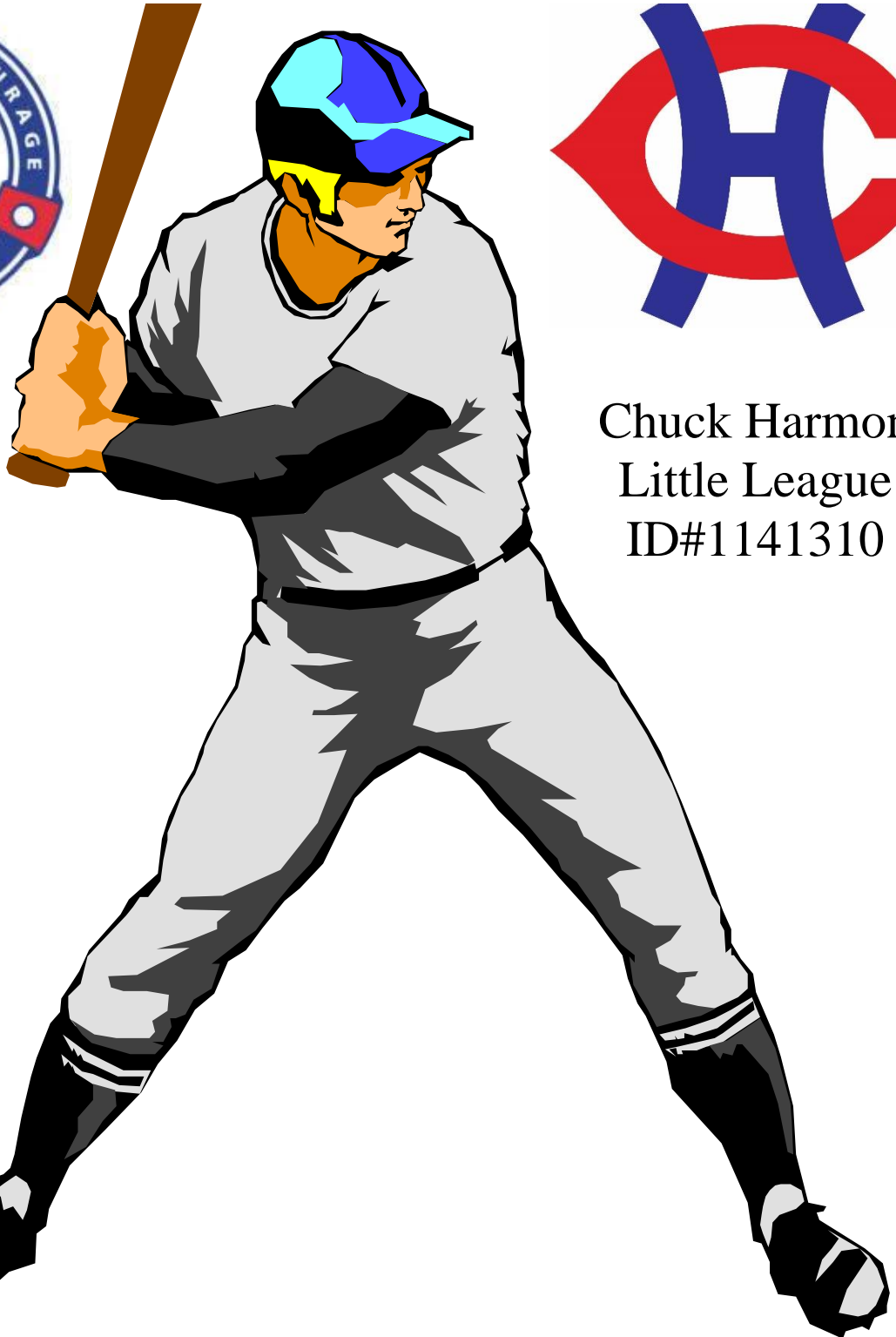


**SAFETY AND INFORMATION MANUAL  
WASHINGTON YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**

**2021**



**Chuck Harmon  
Little League  
ID#1141310**

**A SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM**



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This manual is approved by the Chuck Harmon Little League Board of Directors.

President: Timothy Hedrick Date: 18 March 2021

Safety Officer: Harry Brown Date: 18 March 2021

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## INTRODUCTION

The Washington Little League in Washington Indiana was established in 1951, chartered with Little League organization in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The league has been chartered every year since. The league personnel are all volunteers, primarily parents of the participants but has always had many community active individuals, business, and organizations willing to step in and help. The league first played on fields at the end of West Main Street owned by what was then the B&O railroad.

The fields and concession building was built by volunteers. For many years these facilities supported Washington youth from 8 to 12 years old. Senior league (boys age 13 to 15) moved to play on Allen field which was the high baseball field. Games were scheduled in June after the high school season finished. In the late 1980's the league added softball for girls and younger players' age 6 and 7. When girls' softball began the senior league (age 13 to 15) played on city field at South Park. The league operated at these fields for over 40 years but the number of participants, different age leagues and needing better facilities lead to an effort to consolidate to one location.

In 1994, Henry Gwaltney donated forty acres for the development of Henry Gwaltney Sports Complex located at 1 Edwardsport Rd. On this land six baseball diamonds, concession building batting cage and utilities buildings were built with additional donations from local businesses.

In April 1996 Major League Boys Baseball and Major League Girls Softball played the first games on the new fields. In the following weeks the Minor and PAL League Baseball, Pitching Machine League, and Minor League Softball all opened their season on the new fields.

Beginning in 2017 the name was changed from Washington Little League to Chuck Harmon Little League to honor a Washington high school player in baseball and basketball from the 1940. Chuck Harmon played major league baseball as the first African American to play for the Cincinnati Reds.

This manual has been prepared to document the Chuck Harmon Little League safety awareness program in compliance with requirements of Little League Baseball headquarters.

The manual will be reviewed and updated each year to incorporate league and headquarters changes.



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**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Washington Youth Baseball/Softball and Chuck Harmon Little League is dedicated to providing a safe environment for children to participate and learn the sport of baseball/softball.

The league is governed by a board of directors elected by the participants each year. The board consists of President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Safety Officer, Information Officer, Chief Umpire, and a Vice-President and a Director for each league (age group).

**SAFETY AWARENESS PLAN:** The following constitutes the safety program of the Chuck Harmon Little League. The Qualification Safety Program registration form with the ASAP must be submitted to Little League by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

1. **Safety Officer:** The safety officer shall be elected and be a member of the board of directors of the Chuck Harmon Little League. The term of office shall be one year. The safety officer shall be responsible for the development of the safety manual. The safety officer shall complete the information of the Qualified Safety Program (ASAP) and submit to Little League HQ. The safety officer shall complete all accident reports and provide the information to parents to complete and send to Little League HQ. The safety officer shall be on file with Little League International.
2. **Volunteer Application Forms:** All volunteers (board members, head and assistant coaches, team parents, umpires, field maintenance, concession stand operators, etc.) of the league shall complete a Little League Volunteer Application Form (latest version), and shall have a background check performed through Little League HQ program. All volunteers must be approved by the board of directors. Anyone refusing to fill out Volunteer Application is ineligible to be a league volunteer or in any way participate in the programs.
3. **Player Agent:** The player agent shall be elected and be a member of the board of directors of the Chuck Harmon Little League. The term of office shall be one year. The player agent shall be responsible for registering the players and conducting the draft of assignment of players and coaches to teams. The player agent shall maintain the records of players for the season. The player agent and league president shall resolve any conflicts that may occur between players, parents, or coaches. The player agent shall submit registration player rosters and coaches information to the Little League Data Center. This shall be completed April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
4. **Training:**
  - a. First aid training shall be mandatory for all coaches. This training shall be conducted prior to the first game of the season. For the 2021 season training will be held the March 22 at 7:30 (April 5 at 7:30 if facility is not available) in the Washington City Council building at 200 Harned Ave. At least one representative from each team (head or assistant coach) must attend the first aid training.

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- Training qualifies an individual for 3 years, but one team representative still must attend each year.
- b. Fundamental training (hitting, fielding, and sliding) shall be provided to the coaches. At least one representative head or assistant coach) from each team shall attend. Training will be scheduled the April 9 at Gwaltney Sports Complex baseball field. In the event of inclement weather the training will be held on April 16 at same location.
  - c. Concession Stand Training. The league shall provide training to concession stand operators and information to volunteer workers. Training shall be responsibility of the concession stand manager. The concession stand manager shall receive training in safe food handling/preparation and procedures from by the County health department.
5. Safety Manual Approval and Distribution:
- a. The board of directors shall approve the safety manual
  - b. The safety manual shall be distributed to all league volunteers by email or at a regular meeting.
  - c. The safety manual shall be posted at the fields for all to view.
6. Safety Instructions and Emergency information:
- a. Safety instruction shall be discussed with all coaches prior to the start of the season. This is usually done during the night of the draft. The instructions are included in Section II.
  - b. The safety instructions shall include information on reporting accidents and use of the medical release form, local accident form and phone numbers of the Safety Officer and League President. The phone numbers shall be posted in the concession building.
  - c. A first aid kit will be maintained at the concession building. The kit shall be checked monthly to ensure the materials are there and in good condition. Any material missing or found to be bad shall be immediately replaced.
  - d. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the concession building. The AED will be checked monthly to ensure it is in good operable condition.
  - e. All league officials will have a cell phone when at the fields. The emergency phone number is 911. The facility address is Henry Gwaltney Sports Complex, 1 Edwardsport Rd.
  - f. Emergency Contact:
    - 1). For Ambulance, police, and fire dial 911.
    - 2). For League President contact Tim Hedrick, 812-486-8050.
    - 3). For Safety Officer contact Harry Brown, 812-617-1647.
7. Accident Reporting:
- a. All injuries must be reported. This is for the protection of the coaches and league. If injuries are not documented, the league and coaches can be held responsible.
  - b. Injuries shall be reported to the Safety Officer and League President as soon as possible (within 24 hours from occurrence).

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- c. Injuries shall be reported on the local form provided and shown below. Local forms are handed out to coaches at the player draft meeting and are available in the concession stand.
  - d. Report any accident in which first aid or other medical attention is required.
  - e. Report any accident in which a diagnostic procedure is performed.
  - f. The Safety Officer will investigate and contact the injured player's parents
8. Field Inspection
- a. The field shall be inspected prior to the start of the season, prior to any tournaments, and weekly during the season. This shall be a minimum and should be performed more often.
  - b. The inspection shall be performed by the League President, Safety Officer, Field Maintenance, and selected Vice-Presidents.
  - c. The inspection shall be documented on the forms provided. These forms shall be maintained for 2 years so as to be reviewed the second year.
  - d. Any deficiencies shall be documented and corrected as soon as possible. A log of the deficiencies and correction actions with dates shall be maintained.
  - e. Any deficiencies not corrected shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors at the next meeting.
  - f. The league president shall authorize correction of any safety deficiencies and any other deficiencies up to \$150. Any deficiencies requiring over \$150, to correct shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors.
  - g. The Safety Officer shall complete the Annual Little League Facility survey and submit it to Little League HQ before April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - h. Any umpire or coach seeing a problem with the field shall report it immediately to the League President or Safety Officer.
  - i. Breakaway or injury reducing bases are installed on fields used by players 11 years old and above.
9. Equipment Inspection: All equipment (helmets, bats, catcher's gear, bases, etc.) shall be inspected prior to the start of the season. It shall be the responsibility of the equipment manager to perform the inspection.
- a. Any equipment that is defective shall be repaired or disposed of. The defective equipment shall be marked and separated from good equipment.
  - b. When equipment is issued to a team, it is the coach's responsibility to regularly inspect and identify defective equipment. Defective equipment shall be brought to the equipment manager for replacement.
10. Enforcement of Little League Rules on Equipment and Conduct:
- a. All Little League rules on the safe use of equipment, conduct on the field and play will be strictly enforced by the Board Members, umpires and coaches.
  - b. The rules are provided in the Coaches Information contained in Section II. The information will be discussed at the draft meeting.

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11. The safety plan shall be reviewed each year by the Little League District Administrator.





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## FACILITY AND FIELD INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check for any of the following. Check on line to show completion. List any hazards that were not corrected in Notes)

- Holes, Damage, Rough or uneven spots
- Slippery Areas, long grass
- Glass, rocks and other debris & foreign objects
- Unsafe conditions around backstop, pitcher's mound
- Dugouts clean before and after game
- Area around bleachers free of debris
- Garbage cleaned-up
- Condition of restroom and restroom supplies. Cleaned, trash picked up
- Concession Stand inspection, clean, trash picked up, trash containers emptied

Notes/Hazards:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_



## SECTION II SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

### CHUCK HARMON LITTLE LEAGUE

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To all Head and Assistant Coaches, & Umpires

It is very important to our league image that we conduct ourselves in a responsible manner. Actions -- verbal or physical altercations, unsportsmanlike conduct at the game site or any other League function reflects directly on the entire league. This hurts sponsorships, community image, and sign ups. We need to make it enjoyable for all, players, parents, coaches, umpires and spectators.

The following safety rules apply:

- 1) **NOBODY** will be permitted in front of the dugout. Players and coaches shall remain in the dugout unless they have a valid reason to be elsewhere, EXCEPT as specified for social distancing in accordance with paragraph 20.
- 2) Only **TEAM MEMBERS** will be permitted in the dugout during the game. Players should not leave the dugout except when given permission by the UMPIRE or COACH, even for using the restroom. The player shall leave the field between innings or when teams change the field and shall not re-enter the field when play is going on.
- 3) **NO EQUIPMENT** will be left on the playing field during the game.
- 4) **ALL EQUIPMENT MUST BE KEPT IN AN ORDERLY FASHION IN THE DUGOUT**; such as bats in the rack, helmets on shelf above bench, and all other equipment on the bench. If racks or shelves are not available, equipment should be neatly placed in one area.
- 5) **ALL MALE MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUE PLAYERS MUST HAVE A LITTLE LEAGUE APPROVED CUP ATHLETIC SUPPORTER** and shall use it during all practices and games. Coaches will verify players have and are using the cup supporter. Parents are required to provide the cup supporter. This is a MANDATORY requirement approved by the Board of Directions for the 2014 season and beyond. Violation of this requirement will prevent the player from practice and games until the cup supporter is provided.
- 6) **ALL BASEBALL PITCHERS MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUE SHALL WEAR HEART PROTECTION**. The heart protection will be available at the concession stand (a player may purchase his/her own). The heart protector must be returned to the concession stand after each game. This is a MANDATORY requirement approved by the Board of Directions for the 2014 season and beyond. Violation of this requirement will prevent the player pitching
- 7) **All COACHES WILL KEEP ORDER IN THE DUGOUT** and make sure all players stay behind the screen. All players outside the dugout must have on helmets. Players as base coaches must have helmets on. **THERE IS NO ON DECK CIRCLE – for Major league and below.**
- 8) **The USE OF TOBACCO AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN ANY FORM IS PROHIBITED** on the playing field, benches and dugouts. **THIS INCLUDES PRACTICE WHETHER, AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX OR SOME OTHER LOCATION.**
- 9) **The UMPIRE WILL EJECT ANY PLAYER FROM THE GAME WHO THROWS ANY EQUIPMENT** in disgust. There shall be no warning given. Ejection from the game will also result in

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the player missing the next game.

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- 10) **NO HEAD FIRST SLIDE WHEN GOING TOWARD A BASE. PLAYERS MAY SLIDE HEAD FIRST IF RETURNING TO THE BASE** – Applies to Major league and below.
- 11) **HELMETS with face protection are recommended** (EXCEPT Rookie League) but not required. Chuck Harmon helmets will have face protection but using face protection on personal equipment is left to the discretion of the parents. Helmet with face protection is recommend to be used during all games and practices.
- 12) **PLAYERS SHALL NOT SWING A BAT IN THE DUGOUT.** No player shall hold a bat in the dugout. The next batter (ON DECK BATTER) may have the bat near the door, but shall not hold or swing it in the dugout.
- 13) **PLAYERS SHALL NOT WEAR A CAST** (hard or soft) during games or practice. If a player has a removal cast, a doctor's statement is required for the player to play without the cast.
- 14) **INJURIES:** All injuries must be documented. Forms are attached. This is for the protection of the coach and league. If injuries are not documented, the league and coaches can be held responsible.
  - a.) Report any accident in which first aid or other medical attention is/was required.
  - b.) Report any accident in which a diagnostic procedure is/was performed.
  - c.) Report the accident as-soon-as possible to Harry Brown (812-617-1647) and Tim Hedrick (812-486-8050).
  - d.) Complete the INJURY REPORT provided in this packet. For minor first aid injuries, submit the report to the concession building. For injuries that require other medical attention get the report to Harry Brown (703 NE 21<sup>st</sup>, 812-617-1647, email [harry50@nwcable.net](mailto:harry50@nwcable.net)) by the next day.
- 15) **MEDICAL RELEASE FORM:** Have parents complete the MEDICAL RELEASE FORM. Coaches keep these forms with you during practice and games. The form gives permission for a Certified Emergency Person to treat/administer first aid to the injured player.
- 16) **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** is located in the concession building and is available for if the need arises.
- 17) **SAFETY KIT:** The following are good things to carry with you to each practice or game
  - 1) First Aid Medical kit – At the sports complex a kit is located in the concession building.
    - a) Elastic bandages
    - b) Ice pack – chemical type
    - c) Band-Aids
    - d) Tape
    - e) 4x4 Sterile Gauze Pads
    - f) Gloves
  - 2) Know CPR, and choking (Heimlich) procedures.
  - 3) Medical Release forms signed by parents or guardian.
  - 4) Access to a phone, either near the field or a cellular phone.

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- a) At the Sports Complex playing fields the phone is located in the concession building.
  - b) At other locations determine before you use the field where the nearest phone is.
  - c) Know the address of the field you are practicing or playing on. The Sports Complex address is 1 Edwardsport Road.
- 5) For emergency service call 911.
- 18) **FIRST AID TRAINING:** At least one coach from each team should have first aid training. If possible, a training course will be provided. If you have training let me know and I will record it. You don't have to attend, but it would be good for an assistant coach to attend.
- 19) **ADDITIONAL SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR 2021 SEASON:** The following safety guidelines are implemented for the 2021 season to reduce the risk for COVID19 virus. These guidelines apply to all persons and players entering the CH Little League fields. These guidelines may change depending upon the local health department guidance.
- 20) **Playing Games: Under Covid restrictions.**
- 1) Hand sanitizing liquid will be available on the field.
  - 2) Players will not have contact with other players via HI-FIVE or hand slap. At the end of the game, players may lineup, remain social distance and congratulate each other by saying "Good Game".
  - 3) Players are encouraged to have their own equipment; bats, gloves and helmets. A player's personal equipment is not to be shared with any other player. If a player does not have his/her own equipment, bat or helmet, a limited amount of community equipment will be provided by the league. If possible, only one person should use a specific piece of equipment. If the equipment is shared it must be disinfected before being given to another player. Catcher's equipment should be used by one catcher only. If a team chooses to change catchers the equipment must be disinfected (especially the helmet) before transferred to a new catcher.
  - 4) Field Dugouts will not be used to hold all players during the game. The teams will be seated on the bleachers when they are not on the field. The players will maintain social distancing while in the bleaches. PARENTS will not be allowed on the bleaches. The dugouts may contain the player's bats and helmets when not in use. The team at bat may have 2 players in the dugout, the next 2 batters up (batter on deck and in hole).
  - 5) There shall be no splitting of seeds or gum at the game. If players have seeds they must leave them with parents.



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#### COVID Instructions

The league will comply with Daviess County Health Department on COVID directions.

The following is a brief list of social distancing and contact to be used during PRACTICE.

- 1) Do not use the dugout to gather your team together. The dugouts are OFF LIMITS. Keep equipment along the baseline fencing separated by 6 ft.
- 2) Restrict sharing of equipment - helmets, gloves, and bats including catcher's equipment especially the mask. If more than one player will use the equipment, it must be disinfected between each change using a disinfecting wipe. These wipes may not be available during practice so be prepared and bring your own.
- 3) There should be no hand contact such as Hi-five or other hand shaking.
- 4) Use hand sanitation at start and end of practice.
- 5) Parents and siblings must remain outside the field fencing and observe social distancing.

Parents and Fans attending the games.

- 1) Do not sit in the bleachers. These are being used for player's dugout. Please bring chairs or other suitable seating equipment.
- 2) Practice family social distancing.
- 3) DO not talk or distract players in the dugout (bleachers).
- 4) This year volunteer parents will not be working the concession stand. The league has obtained a limited number of people who have been instructed in the proper preparing, handling, and distribution of the food and drinks.
- 5) If you want to help, contact the team coach and become a team parent. Team parents are needed to help keep the players in the dugout (bleacher), to maintain safe distancing and to be sure community equipment is disinfected between uses. This will allow the coaches coach the game.



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### Safety Awareness Program

#### INJURY REPORT

This form should be used to record the initial injury report. When an injury occurs, please complete this report and turn it into Harry Brown or Ty Madison within 24 hours of the injury.

Name of Person Injured: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Injury (describe injury) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date Injury Occurred: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location where injury occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the injury occurred: (use back of page or additional paper if needed)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If Witness(s) were present list name and phone number.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Protective equipment: What protective equipment was worn?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Was First Aid or Medical Treatment required: \_\_ First Aid \_\_ Treatment

(If YES, explain)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person submitted report: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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### CONCESSION STAND GUIDELINES AND SAFETY

1. Concession manager shall inspect equipment each day before use to insure cleanliness, safe condition, and proper operation. Do not use any unsafe equipment, tag equipment as unsafe. Remove equipment and destroy as soon as possible.
2. MENU. Keep the menu simple, and keep potentially hazardous foods (meats, eggs, dairy products, protein salads, cut fruits and vegetables, etc.) to a minimum. Avoid using precooked foods or leftovers. Use only foods from approved sources, avoiding foods that have been prepared at home. Complete control over your food, from source to service, is key to safe, sanitary food service.
3. COOKING. Use a food thermometer to check on cooking and holding temperatures of potentially hazardous foods. All potentially hazardous foods should be kept at 41°F or below (if cold) or 140°F or above (if hot). Ground beef and ground pork products should be cooked to an internal temperature of 155°F, poultry parts should be cooked to 165°F.
4. REHEATING. Rapidly reheat potentially hazardous foods to 165°F. Do not attempt to heat foods in crock-pots, steam tables, using sterno units or other holding devices.
5. COOLING AND COLD STORAGE. Foods that require refrigeration must be cooled to 41°F as quickly as possible and held at that temperature until ready to serve. To cool foods down quickly, use an ice water bath (60% ice to 40% water), stirring the product frequently, or place the food in shallow pans no more than 4 inches in depth and refrigerate. Pans should not be stored on atop the other and lids should be off or ajar until the food is completely cooled.
6. HAND WASHING. Frequent and thorough hand washing remains the first line of defense in preventing food borne disease. The use of disposable gloves can provide an additional barrier to contamination, but they are no substitute for hand washing!
7. HEALTH AND HYGIENE. Only healthy workers should prepare and serve food. Anyone who shows symptoms of disease (cramps, nausea, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, jaundice, etc.) or who has open sores or infected cuts on the hands should not be allowed in the food concession area. Workers should wear clean outer garments and should not smoke in the concession area. The use of hair restraints is recommended to prevent hair ending up in food products.
8. FOOD HANDLING. Avoid hand contact with raw, ready-to-eat foods and food contact surfaces. Use an acceptable dispensing utensil to serve food.
9. DISHWASHING. Use disposable utensils for food service. Keep your hands away from food contact surfaces and never reuse disposable dishware. Ideally, dishes and utensils should be washed in a four-step process:
  - a. Washing in hot soapy water;
  - b. Rinsing in clean water
  - c. Chemical or heat sanitizing and
  - d. Air Drying.
10. ICE. Ice used to cool cans/bottles should not be used in cup beverages and should be stored separately. Use a scoop to dispense ice; never use the hands.
11. WIPING CLOTHS. Rinse and store wiping cloths in a bucket of sanitizer (example: 1 gallon of water and ½ teaspoon of chlorine bleach). Change the solution every two hours.
12. INSECT CONTROL AND WASTE. Keep foods covered to protect them from insects, Store pesticides away from foods. Place garbage and paper wastes in a refuse container with a tight fitting lid. Dispose of wastewater in an approved method (do not dump it outside). All water used should be potable water from an approved source.
13. FOOD STORAGE AND CLEANLINESS. Keep foods stored off the floor at least six inches. After your event is finished, clean the concession area and discard unusable food.



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### LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION:

The Chuck Harmon Little League is organized under a constitution of Appendix A. The League elects a President and board of directors. The board of directors consists of an executive vice-president, secretary/treasurer, a vice-president and director of each league. Additional positions include Safety Officer, Information Officer, Equipment Manager, and other positions necessary to operate the league. A listing of the officers is contained in this document.

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS			
	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
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Secretary	Lendi Eskew	812-486-8987	<a href="mailto:lendieskew@gmail.com">lendieskew@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Donna Hedrick	812-486-8040	<a href="mailto:Dhedrick8@gmail.com">Dhedrick8@gmail.com</a>
Player Agent	Harry Brown	812-617-1647	<a href="mailto:Harry50@nwcable.net">Harry50@nwcable.net</a>
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### COACHES INFORMATION: March 18, 2021

- 1) Head and assistant coaches, and team parents must apply by completing a Little League Volunteer Application form. Turn forms into League President. A background check must be performed before a volunteer can be approved.
- 2) The Chuck Harmon Little League board of directors must approve all head and assistant coaches at a meeting. A majority vote is needed for approval. Team Parents are acceptable upon completing volunteer application and having a clean background check.
- 3) Any head or assistant coach in violation of any rule either in the rulebook or any local league rule will be ejected from the ball game. If ejected from the game the coach will also be suspended for the next game. The second (2), violation will result in that person being terminated from the league.
- 4) **DISTRICT ALL-STAR TEAM** selection: Planning to have tryout for the 10, 11, and 12 year old All-Star teams. Players wanting to be considered for an All-Star team will need to sign up and participate in a tryout clinic. This is planned for Mid-May on a night games are not played.
- 5) **ALL STAR Coach:** The ALL STAR coaches will be selected by the Board of Directors. Any head or assistant coach may apply to be an ALL STAR coach. It is not limited to the team coach that wins the league or tournament. ALL STAR assistant coaches may be selected by the ALL Star coach but must be approved by the Board of Directors. Submit your application to the League VP by June 15.
- 6) **ALL TRAVEL TEAMS WILL** be approved by the Board of Directors. This effects FNL league and above, and Girls softball. Head and assistant coaches must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 7) **CONCESSION OPERATION.** Our Concession manager this year is Anne Leischner 217-621-8089. Each player has paid a Team Treat fee for 2 treats after games (drink and other). This year there will be limited persons in the concession so team parents will not be asked to work.
  - a. **TEAM PARENT.** Each team can identify a Team Parent. This person can be a help in the dugout or bleaches to keep order and assist with other team activities. The person needs to complete a volunteer application on the [ChuckHarmonLittleLeague.com](http://ChuckHarmonLittleLeague.com) website. Coaches need to provide this information to Harry Brown ([harry50@sbcglobal.net](mailto:harry50@sbcglobal.net)) and Anne Leischner ([ael623@yahoo.com](mailto:ael623@yahoo.com)).
  - b. A COACHES/TEAM PARENT meeting is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Gwaltney Sports Complex concession building. Team shirts/hats and schedule will be given out at that time. Every team is required to have a team parent or coach to receive the schedule and shirts.
- 8) **Schedule:**
  - a) Teams will be scheduled to be played on the following fields
    - a. MAJOR League – ONB Field
    - b. MINOR League – Hayes Field
    - c. PAL League – Crouch Field
    - d. Rookie League – Niehaus Field
    - e. SOFTBALL – Niehaus Field
    - f. Northeast Field #2 – Scheduled as needed
    - g. Northeast Field #2 – Scheduled as needed



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- b) Season Play will begin on May 1, 2021 with opening Ceremonies. **ALL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT THE CEREMONY.** All teams may be scheduled to play after the ceremonies. Schedule of play will be done for all teams by League Board of Directors.
- 1) Major, Minor & Frank Niehaus Baseball Leagues – start May 1<sup>st</sup> and end approximately 19 June.
    - a. Post Season League Tournament at the end of the schedule games may be played at the Board of Directors Dissection with games played on Saturday.
    - b. Major & Minor All Star games begin in July (TBD)
    - c. Frank Niehaus Tourney or travel team may be selected at end of season (TBD )
  - 2) Rookie League – Start May 1<sup>st</sup> end by 30 June.
  - 3) Softball games for Girls Coach Pitch and Minor (LIVE Pitch) will begin on May 1<sup>st</sup> as scheduled.
  - 4) There shall be no games scheduled during Memorial Day weekend, rainouts or otherwise. **No mandatory practice but fields are open on a first come first serve basis. And no player will be penalized for missing practice on this day.**
- c) Practice Schedule: Practice on the field cannot begin until the gates are open (unlocked). Teams will be scheduled practice times – 1 night on the field during the week starting at 5:00-6:30 or 6:30-8:00 and a time on Saturday beginning at 8:00 in 1½ hour increments. Sunday will be open times for a first come. Girls Softball will use and have priority on the NW field. Practice on the NE field (near the parking) will be on a first come basis. Note: Fields may be closed to be worked on and practice will not be allowed. The team having the scheduled practice time, his priority on the field. Teams that play on a particular field have priority (such as the Major teams on ONB field).
- 1) Scheduled Practice on the field only applies until games start 16 April. No team shall practice on a playing field that has been lined for a game that day.
  - 2) A schedule time for use of the batting cage will also be given
- d) RAIN OUT Games: Rain Out games will be announced as soon as possible on the day of the game. Announcement will be made on the radio stations in the area when possible. Rain Out games will be determined by League President or VP designated by board to be in charge for the said night. List posted in concession building.
- 1) Scheduling of Rain out games: Games will be schedule on non-playing dates such as Friday and Saturday. The rain out games will be scheduled in the order in which the rain out occurred. If a rescheduled rain out game is again rained out it will be placed at the bottom of the schedule rain out.
  - 2) The rain out game schedule shall be determined by the League President and with the concession manager.
- e) Medical Training Meeting: First Aid training will be provided on March 22 at 7:30pm. Each team needs to send a representative. If you or an assistant is a certified emergency person they do not need to attend (submit verification to Harry Brown). Even if a team has a certified emergency person, another coach or assistant should attend.
- 9) EQUIPMENT: The plan is for equipment to be maintained at the field. The equipment will be made available for use by the teams for practice and games. This equipment must NOT be removed from the field as it is used by all teams. All-Star team coaches must turn in the equipment to Eric Headley WITHIN TWO (2) weeks from the end of the final tourney game in the particular league in which they are competing. If these rule are not adhered to the coach will NOT be allowed to coach next season.
- 10) Game time will be provided on the schedule. A time limit shall be imposed so that no inning shall start after 1½ hours after the scheduled start of the game. An inning starts at the time the previous inning ends. It may be necessary to adjust the playing time when teams are playing teams from out of town.



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- a) If the game is tied and the time limit is past the game is ended at this point. If there is no game scheduled after this game. The game will be continued until one team has an advantage at the end of the Home inning. The game may be called at any point by the League President decision.
- b) No inning may be started after 10 pm. Even if the game is tied.
- 11) 3<sup>rd</sup> INNING PLAYING RULE: All players not starting the game in a fielding position, must enter the game in a fielding position in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. The players must play 2 consecutive innings (6 outs) before they can be removed from the game
- 12) ALL PLAYERS BATTING ORDER: All players present for the game will bat in a continuous order (Major league and below). If a different number of players are present for each team, it is the option of the coach having the most players to bat only the number of batters as the team having the least number of players present. IE: Team A has 10 players present (all 10 are listed on the batting order), Team B has 12 players present. Team B has the option of placing all 12 players in the batting order or can elect to place 10 players in the batting order. However each player on the team must meet the mandatory play requirement – Bat 1 time and field for 6 consecutive outs.
- NOTE 1: Should a player arrive late, he shall be inserted in the batting order immediately after the original last batter. The coach shall notify the opposing team of this change so that they increase their number of batters according.
- NOTE 2: If a team is batting less players then present for the game, substitution of a player shall be done by the normal method. That is, the player entering the game shall bat in the position of the player leaving the game.
- NOTE 3: The team shall not decrease the numbers of batters after the game has started. EXCEPT: In the event of an injury in which the player leaves the game, the batting position held by that player in the order shall not be considered an out unless the number of batters remaining is less than 9. The opposing coach does not change his number of batters or order of batting if a team losses a player.
- 12) "NO OFFICIAL GAME WILL BE PLAYED IF A TEAM HAS LESS THEN 8 PLAYERS". A game may be played with 8 players with the team taking 1 out when the 9th player bats, but no official game may be played with 7 players.
- 13) Field maintenance after the game: **PLEASE HELP KEEP THE DUGOUTS CLEAN**. Containers will be provided in or near each dugout for trash. Empty the container after your game. Dump the trash into the larger barrels.
- a. Home Team – Drag and rake the field each night.
- b. Visiting Team – Pick up trash in dugouts and around the fields bleacher area. All trash need to be put in respective trash can.
- 14) Umpire Requirements:
- a. Umpire requirements will be discussed by the League President and division Vice-President.
- b. If possible the league will provide a home plate umpire for boys major and minor. Pal the coach feeds the machine will also be the ump on the field. The same applies for girls, if pitching machine is used it will be the coach feeding the machine, for players pitch the league will try to furnish a plate umpire.
- c. **Each team must provide a base umpire for their game.**

REMEMBER: Respect them and thank them after each game that they call. If they were perfect, they would not be free. If you are having problems with an umpire, discuss this outside the game and with a league official.



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15) Pitch Count Rule—Coaches must keep a count the pitches a player throws. Following the Regulation VI (c) of the Little League Rule book.

16) **BATS:** Only Little League approved bat stamped USA or a wood bat may be used.

### Rookie Ball (Tee Ball):

Under the USABat standard, certified Tee Ball bats (26" and shorter) will feature the USA Baseball mark and text which reads ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS. All Tee Ball bats must feature the USA Baseball mark and accompanying text.

**NOTE:** Approved Tee Ball bats may also be used for Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch Minor Divisions only with the use of approved Tee Balls.

### Major/Minor/FNL Divisions:

It shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$  inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.

**NOTE 1:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

As of January 1, 2018, the new USA Baseball Bat Standard was implemented. USABat Standard bats must be used in the Little League Major Baseball Division and below.

In local play, USSSA 1.15 BPF bats are allowed,

17) Major and Minor League:

- a. Field changes: Major and Minor the distance between bases shall be 65 feet.
- b. Pitching: For Major league the mound will be 50 feet. For Minor league the mound will be 46 feet.
- c. Major/Minor: Players may steal bases but may not leave (or lead off) the base until the ball passes the battery
- d. Keep 1 foot in batter's box between pitches. If batter steps out, umpire can give 1 warning then can have pitcher pitch the ball calling it a strike.
- e. Intentional Walk. The coach may call an intentional walk (before or during the At Bat. The coach asks for timeout and indicates to the umpire that the batter is intentionally walked. The ball is dead and runners cannot advance forced. The 4 pitches (or remaining pitches needed to walk the batter if done during his AT BAT) are charged to the pitchers pitch count. This is a little league rule change effective March 2021.

18) Playing Rules: In the FNL and Rookie leagues See Appendix C. Coaches cannot deviate from the rules without discussion with the League President.

**COACH SELECTION AND APPROVAL:** Coaches are approved by the Board of Directors and upon completion of a background check. Any coaches at this draft, who have not been approved are granted temporary approval until the final approval is made at a Board of Directors meeting and a background check has been completed.

Thank you, have a good season  
Tim Hedrick, President Chuck Harmon Little League  
Harry Brown, Safety Officer



## SECTION IV FIELD INFORMATION

Facility surveys may also be entered online

### **LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL® & SOFTBALL** **NATIONAL FACILITY SURVEY**

2021



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#### **PLANNING TOOL FOR FUTURE LEAGUE NEEDS**

What are league's plans for improvements?	Indicate number of fields in boxes below.		
	Next 12 mons.	1-2 yrs.	2+ yrs.
a. New fields			
b. Basepath/infield			
c. Bases			
d. Scoreboards			
e. Pressbox			
f. Concession stand			
g. Restrooms		1	
h. Field lighting		1	1
i. Warning track			
j. Bleachers			
k. Fencing			2
l. Bull pens			2
m. Dugouts			
n. Other (specify):			

Remainder of facility survey submitted to Little League Data Center



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# APPENDIX A CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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## APPENDIX B DRAFT RULES

### Coaches

Bring this information with you to the draft.

Players may sign up until the draft begins. If there is someone you know who is not signed up, have him fill out a registration form or get it to me (Harry) before the draft.

If there are additional signups received before draft date will be added to the list on the draft night.

If player's signup after the draft, they will be put on a list and assigned to the next team to draft on a first come basis until a maximum of 12 players is reached. Once 12 players per team are assigned, they will be put on a wait list in the event a player quits before the season starts. Except in special cases, players will not be added to a team after the start of the season.

### Draft Night rules:

1. Drawing numbers will determine the draft order
2. The draft will be conducted in ascending number order the first round. The second round will be descending number order. The remaining rounds will alternate as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds.
3. All players will be in the draft, all players will be drafted. For Major league the team must abide by the rule of no more than eight 12-year olds on a team.
4. Each team is permitted one coach and two assistant coaches. **THE COACH AND ASSISTANTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION PRIOR TO THE DRAFT IN ORDER TO BE RECOGNIZED AS THE COACH OR ASSISTANT.**
5. The Coach's son/daughter will be selected in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. The coach's son/daughter cannot be selected by another team in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. If not selected in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, the player is available for selecting by another team in later rounds.
6. By coach's agreement, a coach may select an assistant coach's son in the first round. There must be proof that this is a true assistant coach, **SEE 4 ABOVE**. The coach must take his chances with the 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant coach's son/daughter. He is not an automatic to the team.
7. Brother/Sister – Brothers/Sisters combination from the same family in the same league will be drafted to the same team. When one brother/sister is drafted, the other brother/sister will be the coaches next draft pick. This can include step-children and children of divorced parents when requested.
8. Players Request: Parents request from sign-up forms will be put on the draft information. Parents requesting a specific coach or to play with a particular friend are **JUST A REQUEST**. The coach must draft the player or the friend. We will try to honor the request (especially as the younger ages) but it is not guaranteed. Request not to play for a specific coach or player will be honored.
9. After the draft, coaches may trade players before leaving the draft and before telling players which team they have been drafted to. After the draft night any trades must be approved by myself (Harry Brown) and TY Madison **AND MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PARRENTS OF THE PLAYERS INVOLVED.**
10. **PLAYERS** are not permitted at the draft. The only persons at the draft are the team coach and assistant coaches.
11. **DO NOT** tell the players in what order they were drafted.
12. Coaches shall protect the personal information contained on the draft list. When no longer needed the information shall be shredded before disposing of.

For any additional information contact Player Agent – Harry Brown 812-617-1647



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#### LEAGUE PLAYING RULES

#### FOR

#### ROOKIE Ball

#### FNL League

#### LIVE PITCH Softball

#### COACH PITCH Softball

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### 2021 ROOKIE BALL Playing Rules

- 1) A game will be three (3) innings in the time limit of 1 hour. No new inning may start after 1 hour from the start time has elapsed.
  - a) Schedule: Opening day will be May 1, 2021. All players are requested to be present.
  - b) Games will be played on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c) Before \_\_\_\_\_ the field will be available for practice on \_\_\_\_\_ at 4:30 or 6:00. You will select a time. Practice time can also be available on Sunday beginning at noon.
- 2) Everyone plays and bats each inning. If there are a different number of players, the team with the least number of players will continue to bat in their inning until they have an equal number of batters. The players will bat in the order his/her name is shown in the batting order. Each team will bat the complete batting order each inning.
- 3) Two coaches from each team may be on the field at a time.
  - a) The offense team has one coach at the TEE and a 1 base coach (at 1<sup>st</sup> base or 3<sup>rd</sup> base) in the field to instruct runners. The coach at the TEE may help the player put the ball on the TEE and position the player in the batter's box.
  - b) The defense team may position 2 coaches on the field to instruct the defense players. Coaches should not assist the player by picking up the ball, stopping it with their foot or any part of the body.
  - c) Umpiring – The coaches on the field shall make the umpiring calls.
- 4) There will be a circle around the pitcher's position. To stop a play the ball shall be thrown to the player in the circle or to player at home plate. A player shall have the ball in the circle or at home plate area. Should a player overthrow the pitcher or the pitcher misses the ball and the ball goes into foul territory the play shall be stopped.
- 5.) Fielders may get runners out in the normal baseball methods, throw the ball to a baseman for a force out or tag out, tag the base for a force out, and tag the runner.
  - a) Overthrows of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base: All runners may advance 1 base on an overthrow. This is 1 base past the base to which they are entitled to if the overthrow had not occurred.
  - b) Play is stopped when the fielder returns a fair ball to the pitching area. Umpires call time and must determine where a runner is when time is called. If the runner is between bases and is more than halfway to the next base he is given the base, if not halfway he returns to previously provided there is not a runner on that base.
- 6.) All players shall be on the field for defense. They shall be positioned with 4 infielders, pitcher, catcher, and remainder as outfielders. A catcher is not required but may be used if the coach elects to.
- 7.) There will be a semi-circle line in front of home plate (8 ft radius). The batter must hit the ball past that semi-circle arc. The coach at home plate shall move the TEE away from the plate so runners can score or plays can be made.
- 8.) Coaches will make the umpiring calls.
- 9.) Game starts at the scheduled time. No infield is taken. Teams may warm up on their dugout side of the field.
- 10) Score will not be kept. The purpose is to teach the game.

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### FNL League RULES

## FNL LEAGUE 2021 PLAYING GUIDELINES

1. Season will start on Opening Day May 1, 2021
2. All players should wear their uniform that consists of baseball pants, sponsors shirt, and hat. Appropriate pants if they do not have baseball pants.
3. We have Seven (7) teams consisting of approximately 10/11 players on each team. There will be a single elimination tournament at the end of the regular season.
4. Games will start at 6:00pm and will operate on a one hour – thirty minute time limit. No inning will start after the time limit, but an inning may be finished if already started after time limit has expired.
5. The game will consist of **six (6)** innings coach pitch. The offensive coach or his designee will pitch the batters and serve as umpire. Base coaches may umpire the bases.
6. The first team listed will be the home team on the schedule.
7. Remember you are there to coach, teach fundamentals, sportsmanship, and keep the game moving as smoothly as possible. All coaches, and parents need to keep in mind the league is about teaching fundamentals and sportsmanship. **THIS IS NOT A PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE.** Please have fun and enjoy the game.
8. When your team is up to bat, you may use an adult coach at each coaching box. **YOU WILL ALSO NEED A COACH IN THE DUGOUT** for player control issues while your team is at bat.
9. You will be allowed ten (10) players on the playing field. Four (4) outfielders, Four (4) infielders, a pitcher and a catcher. **ANY BOY THAT CATCHES WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE CUP.** The player pitch position may stand on either side of the coach pitching and have the ball inside the circle for a dead ball to be called.
10. The batter will be given four (4) pitches. If the batter fouls the third strike or the fourth pitch they will continue to bat until they hit the ball or strikeout. After the fourth pitch the batter will be out if they don't swing. A foul tip or foul ball caught will be an out. If a batted ball strikes the pitching coach it will be declared a dead ball single. Other runners will advance, only if they are FORCED.
11. The head coach and two (2) assistant coaches will be the only people allowed in the dugout. Please do not allow brothers, sisters, or extras in the dugout.
12. There are no bunts or steals during play.
13. **Baseball rules will apply. Each inning will consist of three (3) outs and then teams will swap.** Keep the lineup posted in the dugout. **Everyone will bat even if they are not playing on the field.**
14. Overthrows to 1<sup>st</sup> base: All runners may advance 1 base on an overthrow. This is 1 base past the base to which they are entitled to if the overthrow had not occurred. Play is stopped when the fielder returns a fair ball to the pitcher or runs to the pitcher's mound area. Umpires than call time and must determine where a runner is when time is called. If the runner is between bases and is more than halfway to the next base he is given the base, if not halfway he returns to last base tagged provided there is not a runner on that base.
15. You will need to select a team parent who will be responsible for your extra needs, such as pictures and help control players in the dugout or bleachers, assist during games to name a few. Your team Parent **MUST** also fill out a volunteer application form each season.

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16. Under NO circumstances is a player allowed to wear their hat backwards under their helmet or on the field.
17. PLEASE use the containers for trash in your dugouts and DUMP them after your game is complete. Please pick up the trash inside and around your dugout after the game. Please help us keep the grounds looking clean. The Home team will be responsible for dragging or raking the field after the game, while the visiting team will make sure all trash is put in trash containers, **and provide a score board operator.**
18. Travel team coach will be determined by a BOARD VOTE, NOT BY THE WINNING COACH OF THE SEASON OR TOURNAMENT.
19. Rain outs will be determined by the league's President or V.P. not by coach of the team.

Please keep in mind we want to teach the fundamentals of baseball as well as good sportsmanship. WE always welcome any comments or suggestions on how to improve the league this season and for seasons to come. Thanks for volunteering your time this year with the Chuck Harmon Little League. Let's have a great season!



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### 2021 Live Pitch Softball Rules

1. All players should wear their uniform that consists of softball pants and sponsor shirt. (Appropriate pants if they do not have softball pants.)
2. There will be a single elimination tournament at the end of the regular season.
3. Games will have a one hour – thirty minute time limit.
  - a. No inning should start after the time limit has expired.
  - b. An inning may be finished if already started after the time limit has expired.
4. The game will consist of six (6) innings.
5. Home team will be determined by a home plate roll by both teams from the pitching rubber.
6. When your team is up to bat, you may use an adult coach at each coaching box.
7. You will be allowed 10 players on the field.
  - a. 4 outfielders, 4 infielders, a pitcher, and a catcher.
8. There will be no walks.
  - a. If the opposing pitcher walks the batter, the coach of the batting team will come out and pitch to the batter.
    - i. The coach will pitch the number of strikes that are remaining with a max of 2 pitches. Regardless if the coach throws strikes or balls they only get to pitch the number of remaining strikes to a max of 2 pitches
    - ii. No base runner may steal while a coach is pitching.
  - b. A caught foul tip on the last pitch or third strike will be an out.
  - c. A caught foul ball will be an out.
9. If a batted ball strikes the pitching coach it will be declared a dead ball single. Other runners will advance **ONLY IF THEY ARE FORCED!**
10. There are no bunts.
11. Base runners may steal only if the ball gets away from the catcher. If the ball is stopped cleanly by the catcher, runners may not advance. Runners may leave the base once the ball crosses home plate.
12. Regular softball rules will apply.
  - a. Each inning will consist of three (3) outs and then teams will swap.
  - b. Keep the line-up posted in the dugout.
  - c. Everyone will bat even if they are not playing in the field
13. Stopping the play
  - a. Stop the lead runner
  - b. Get the ball to the circle
  - c. Runners who are over half way to a base may advance to the next base.
  - d. If the runner has not made it half way they must go back to the previous base.
14. There is a one base allowance on an overthrow.
  - a. ie. If first base is overthrown, the runner may attempt to advance to second.
  - b. In this same situation, if there is a runner on second and the ball is overthrown to first that runner may score on a fielder's choice with her one base allowance on the overthrow.
15. Remember you are there to coach, teach fundamentals, **sportsmanship**, and keep the game moving as smoothly as possible. All managers, coaches, and parents need to keep in mind the league is about teaching fundamentals and sportsmanship. Please have fun and enjoy the game.



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16. You will need to select a team parent who will be responsible for your extra needs, such as concession workers and pictures. Your team parent **MUST** also fill out a volunteer applications form each season.
17. Visiting team should pick up all the trash from both dugouts and Home team should rake/drag the field and provide a score board operator.
18. Travel team coach will be determined by a board vote, not by the winning coach of the season or tournament.
19. Rainouts will be determined by the league's President or V.P. not by the coach of the team.



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### 2021 Coach Pitch Softball Rules

1. All players should wear their uniform that consists of softball pants and sponsor shirt. (Appropriate pants if they do not have softball pants.)
2. There will be a single elimination tournament at the end of the regular season.
3. Games will have a one hour – thirty minute time limit.
  - a. No inning should start after the time limit has expired.
  - b. An inning may be finished if already started after the time limit has expired.
4. The game will consist of six (6) innings.
5. Home team will be determined by the schedule. Typically, the home team is the second team listed for each game. The number of home and away games should be as close to balanced as possible for each team.
6. Each half inning will consist of three (3) outs, or five (5) runs, and then the teams will switch fielding/batting.
7. The lineup shall be provided to the opposing coach, as well as posted in the dugout.
8. All players will bat in the lineup, even if they are not playing in the field. All players must play at least 6 outs on the field.
9. When your team is up to bat, you may use an adult coach at each coaching box.
10. Ten (10) players are allowed on the field.
  - a. 4 outfielders, 4 infielders, a pitcher, and a catcher.
11. The offensive team coach (or his designate) will pitch to the offensive team.
  - a. The pitching coach will deliver a maximum of 5 pitches to each batter.
  - b. The pitching coach will pitch from a distance of 35ft from home plate.
  - c. If the batter swings at a pitch it shall be called a strike. The batter is out on 3 strikes. If the pitching coach throws an extremely poor pitch and the batter strike out or doesn't hit any of the 5 pitches, the pitching coach may throw one additional pitch.
  - d. There will be no walks.
  - e. If a batter hits the ball foul and it is not caught the foul will be called a strike unless it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike, in which case another pitch will be thrown (even if this exceeds 5 pitches).
  - f. A caught foul ball will be an out.
  - g. A caught foul tip on the last pitch or third strike will be an out
12. If a batted ball strikes the pitching coach it will be declared a dead ball single. Other runners will advance **ONLY IF THEY ARE FORCED!**
13. There are no bunts.
14. There are no stealing. Base runners must remain on the base until the ball is hit.
15. Regular softball rules will apply.
  - a. Each inning will consist of three (3) outs (or 5 runs scored) and then teams will swap.
  - b. Keep the line-up posted in the dugout.
  - c. Everyone will bat even if they are not playing in the field
16. Stopping the play
  - a. Get the ball to a base, stopping the lead runner. That player should raise the ball above her head and request "time", indicating no further attempt will be made to make a play on a runner. Only the umpire (pitching coach) can call "time".
  - b. Get the ball to the pitcher in the circle. The pitcher should then raise the ball above her head and request "time". Only the umpire (pitching coach) can call "time".
  - c. Runners who are over half way to a base may advance to the next base.

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- d. If the runner has not made it half way they must go back to the previous base.
17. There is a one base allowance on an overthrow.
  - a. If first base is overthrown, the runner may attempt to advance to second.
  - b. In this same situation, if there is a runner on second and the ball is overthrown to first that runner may score on a fielder's choice with her one base allowance on the overthrow.
18. Remember you are there to coach, teach fundamentals, **sportsmanship**, and keep the game moving as smoothly as possible. All managers, coaches, and parents need to keep in mind the league is about teaching fundamentals and sportsmanship. Please have fun and enjoy the game.
19. Visiting team should pick up all the trash from both dugouts and Home team should rake/drag the field and provide a score board operator.
20. Rainouts will be determined by the league's President or V.P. not by the coach of the team.