



## 2010 Most Commonly Misunderstood and Misapplied Little League Rules

1. **NO** Adults Warming up Pitchers
  - **NOT** Pre-game - **NOT** in bullpen - **NOT** behind dugout - **NOT** between innings- **NOT** squatting or standing.
2. Adults in Dugout - Includes Manager, Coaches, **AND** Scorekeepers
  - a. Must be approved Adult on the roster and/or affidavit
  - b. Depends on number of eligible players in uniform, at start of game
    - 13 + = **THREE** Adults
    - 12 or less players = **TWO** Adults
3. CATCHER REQUIREMENTS
  - a. **ALL CATCHERS MUST WEAR A DANGLING THROAT GUARD.** **ALL** helmet/mask combinations are included. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
  - b. Catcher **MUST** wear Helmet/Mask/Dangler combination when:
    1. Warming up Pitchers - Catching Infield or Outfield Practice
  - c. BASEBALL Catchers must wear the **LONG-STYLE Chest Protector** in all BB tournaments played on the 60 ft. diamond.
  - d. BASEBALL catchers must use a catcher's mitt.
4. **NO** Jewelry (except medical alert)
  - a. Earrings **CANNOT** be taped/covered with band-aid
  - b. **NO** "rubber band-type" or other non-metal jewelry
  - c. Medical Alert Jewelry should be taped in place
5. **NO ON DECK BATTER** below the Junior Level. Player may not swing a bat off the field prior to coming onto the field for their time at bat.
6. **NO** Batting Donuts. Bat Sleeves are OK
7. Batting Helmets
  - a. **DO NOT** require Facemasks or Chin Straps
  - b. **NO** painted or stickers without permission from helmet manufacturer
8. **NO** Courtesy Runners in any tournament - Not for pitchers, catchers or any players. Special Pinch Runner Rule 7.14 applies
9. Pitchers **MAY**
  - a. Wear batting glove under fielder's glove
  - b. Wear sunglasses
  - c. Umpires judgment if these items are distracting
  - d. Wear white undershirt, but not long sleeve white undershirt in BB
  - e. **NOT** wear sweatbands on either arms
10. Infield Fly rule is used for **ALL** tournaments
11. Throwing the bat (unless intentional) is **NOT** an out. Player should be warned on first offense and then ejected for second offense. Warnings are per player, **NOT** a team warning.

12. There is **NO** Must Slide Rule at **ANY** Base.
13. Below the Junior level, Head First Slides are **NOT ALLOWED** (automatic out) when **ADVANCING**. A head first slide is **NOT** a trip, stumble, crawling to the base, touching with the hands before the feet.
14. There is **NO** rule for number of batters a pitcher may hit with pitches before he/she has to be removed. - Intentionally hitting batters is illegal.
15. First base **CAN** be overrun on a walk
16. The batter-runner may turn **LEFT OR RIGHT** after overrunning first base. Only if the Batter-Runner makes an attempt toward second base has he/she lost their "overrun" protection.
17. The pitcher's plate (BB) or pitching circle (SB) **DOES NOT** stop continuous advancement of a base runner. On a walk, the batter-runner may advance beyond first base, if they do not stop, even if the pitcher has the ball on the pitcher's plate (BB) or in the pitching circle (SB).
18. It is **LEGAL** to fake a bunt and then swing at a pitch.
19. The Hands are **NEVER** part of the Bat.
20. In BASEBALL - If the batter does not pull the bat out of the strike zone while in the bunting position, it is **NOT** an automatic strike.
21. Pitches that bounce on the ground are **NOT** dead balls. A batter may swing, hit, foul off, etc. A batter hit by a bouncing pitch **IS** awarded first base (if the batter does not swing at the pitch).
22. Home plate is in **FAIR** territory. Balls hitting the plate **ARE NOT** dead. Batter stepping on the plate **IS NOT** automatically out.
23. Automatic Intentional Walks are **ONLY** permitted in Junior, Senior & Big League Softball. ALL others require the pitcher to pitch to batter.
24. For 60 ft Baseball (LLBB Majors & Minors), Non-Wood bats must have BPF 1.15 or less printed on the bat.
25. Protests:
  - Playing Rule or Improper Substitution: Before next play or pitch
  - Ineligible Pitcher or Mandatory Play: Before Umpires level the field
  - Ineligible Player: When facts become known, but before next game

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