

FALL BALL RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR 7-8 YEAR OLDS

As the intent of Fall Baseball program is primarily instructional, these Rules and Guidelines take precedence over any Williamsport Little League rule that conflicts with those listed below.

1. Standings are not kept – no trophies are awarded.
2. All players on the rosters will bat in rotation regardless of whether or not they are in the game defensively.
3. Each player must play a minimum of three (3) innings defensively which do not have to be consecutive.

Players may be substituted freely defensively.

4. Games will be six (6) innings, no extra. All innings will end when three (3) outs are made, or four runs have scored, whichever occurs first.
5. Players who do not start defensively in a game must start defensively in the next game if they were present for the first game.
6. The home team will provide two new game balls. Vinyl-covered balls will not be used in any game.
7. The infield fly rule will not apply in any game.
8. Pitching Rules: a pitcher is eligible to pitch no more than a maximum of two (2) innings per game, which must be consecutive. After three (3) consecutive walks or hit batters, the batting team's Coach must finish pitching the inning. After four (4) total walks or hit batters per inning, the batting team's Coach must finish pitching inning. When kids pitch, the umpire calls balls and strike. When a Coach pitches, the umpire calls balls and swinging strikes only. A pitcher removed for a Coach may return to pitch a second inning.
9. Players can steal 3rd base only. A player may not advance home after a throw from catcher on a steal attempt, but can advance on overthrows once the ball is in play after a hit, unless the coaches agree otherwise.
10. For the protection of the players "head first slides" are not permitted.

11. Intentional walks will not be issued.
12. Long pants must be worn for all games.
13. Courtesy runner for the catcher will be permitted with two outs.
14. Visiting coach is to call home coach by Thursday to verify game time and location.
15. Home team pays the Umpire.
16. Little League pitch count/inning rules and rest periods do not apply.
17. No inning should start more than 2½ hours after a game begins.
18. The ball is dead when in possession of the pitcher on/near the pitcher's mound.