



Horner Park North-West Little League

2019 Umpire Regulations

Horner Park North-West Little League (HPNWLL) is 501(c)3 non-profit organization affiliated with Little League International. The purpose of Horner Park North-West Little League is the desire to expand and improve the opportunities for wholesome and healthful activities for members of the organization.

Exceptions to these rules can only be made by order of the Horner Park North-West Little League Board of Directors ("Board").

I. UMPIRE REGULATIONS

The final decision will be made by the President of the League or his designate

- Each Umpire is an accredited representative of the HPNWLL and has the authority to require the full and complete cooperation of all persons directly or indirectly responsible for the preparation and playing of a game.
- The Umpire shall have the authority to rule on any situation not specifically in the HPNWLL Rules and Regulations.
- Each Umpire has authority to disqualify any player, coach, manager or substitute for objecting to decisions or for unsportsmanlike conduct or language, and to eject such disqualified person from the playing field and must go to the parking lot. If an Umpire disqualifies a player while a play is in progress, then the disqualification shall not take effect until the play is over.
- Umpire judgment calls such as, but not limited to, whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or a ball, or whether a runner is safe or out, is final. Players, managers, coaches or substitutes cannot object to any such judgment calls.
- If a decision is appealed, then the Umpire making the decision may ask another Umpire for guidance in making a final decision. Umpires shall not criticize, seek to reverse, nor interfere with another Umpire's call unless asked to do so by the Umpire making the call.
- If there is only one (1) Umpire at a game, then his/her duties and jurisdiction shall extend to all points of the playing field and to all matters covered by these Rules and Regulations, and he/she shall occupy any part of the playing field which, in his/her opinion, will enable him/her to carry out his/her duties.
- If there is more than one (1) Umpire at a game, then one (1) Umpire shall be designated Umpire-in-Chief and the other(s), Field Umpire(s).
- The Umpire-in-Chief shall stand behind the catcher. His/Her duties shall be to:
 - Call and count balls and strikes.
 - Make all decisions on the batter.
 - Decide when a game shall be forfeited.
 - Announce any special ground rules, at his discretion.
 - Make all decisions, except those commonly reserved for the Field Umpire(s).
 - Take full control and responsibility of the proper conduct of the game.
 - Call and declare fair and foul balls, except those commonly called by Field Umpires.
 - Announce before a game when any time limit(s) have been set and the specifics of those limits.
 - Inform the Official Scorer of the official batting order, and any changes in the lineups and batting order, on request.
 - The Umpire-in-Chief must obtain the lineup sheets after the game. Lineup sheets, score card, and game baseballs should be turned in at the Little Field House after the game.
 - In the event of a forfeit, transmit a written report to the President or his/her Designate within twenty-four (24) hours of a game as to the details of said forfeit.
 - To wear a cup when working behind the plate.
- A Field Umpire may take any position on the playing field that he/she thinks is best suited to make impending decisions on the bases. His/Her duties shall be to:
 - Make all decisions on the bases, except those specifically reserved for the Umpire-in-Chief.
 - Take concurrent jurisdiction with the Umpire-in-Chief in calling "Time," balks, illegal pitches, or defacement or discoloration of the ball by any player. AND
 - Aid the Umpire-in-Chief in every manner in enforcing the rules, and except the power to forfeit the game, shall have equal authority with the Umpire-in-Chief in administering and enforcing the rules and maintaining discipline.
- If different decisions should be made on one (1) play by different Umpires, then the Umpire-in-Chief shall call all the Umpires into consultation and no Manager/Coaches or player present may

be present. After consultation, the Umpire-in-Chief shall determine which decision shall prevail based on which Umpire was in the best position and which decision was most likely correct. Play shall proceed as if only the final decision had been made.

- Umpires shall not be changed during a game unless such change is necessary because of injury or illness, or at the Umpire-in-Chief's discretion.
- Umpires shall not wear shoes with metal spikes or cleats in Minor C, Minor B, Minor A, or Majors Division Rules Divisions.
- Umpires shall not interfere with a game by offering instructional advice, engage in idle conversation, or otherwise fraternize with participants of the game they are officiating.
- For each game in which he/she participates, the Umpire-in-Chief shall be provided an official scorecard on which he/she will record the score of the game and pitch count as it proceeds. At the completion of the game, he/she will total the scores and have the scorecard signed by the Manager of the winning team. The assigned Umpire(s) must sign this scorecard and have their signature initialed by the winning manager to ensure payment for their services. The completed scorecard will be given to the Umpire Committee Chairperson or his/her appointed representative at the Little Field House immediately following the game.
- Any threats of an Umpire by an adult or player or Manager/Coach is cause for ejection from league.

****2019 HPNWLL Rules are subject to change.***

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