



Horner Park North-West Little League

2019 League Uniform & Equipment Rules

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. UNIFORMS

- All players shall receive HPNWLL uniforms. A cash fee is required before the player is issued a uniform.
- All players on a team shall wear numbered uniforms identical in color, trim and style.
- Any part of the pitcher's undershirt or T-shirt exposed to view shall be of solid color. A pitcher shall not wear any items on his/her hands, wrists or arms because it may distract the batter. Additionally, pitchers cannot wear white, long-sleeve shirts while pitching.
- Sleeve lengths may vary between players, but the sleeves of each individual shall be approximately the same length. If a team has a sleeveless uniform, then all players must wear an undershirt that is the same color as the undershirt that their teammates wear. Failure to wear an undershirt or an undershirt the same color as the rest of the team could result in that player being ineligible to play. Additionally, no player shall wear ragged or slit sleeves.
- Players are ineligible to play if not in full uniform for all scheduled games, unless authorized by the President or his/her designate.
- The following actions are prohibited concerning uniforms:
 - No alterations made to HPNWLL uniform, i.e. Last Name in the back, patch etc.
 - No players shall attach tape to a uniform or attach other material of a different color than the uniform.
 - No part of the uniform shall include a pattern that imitates or suggests the shape of a baseball.
 - Glass buttons and polished metal cannot be used on a uniform.
 - Players cannot attach anything to the heel or toe of their shoe other than the ordinary shoe or toe plate. Shoes with pointed spikes similar to golf or track shoes cannot be worn.
 - Managers/Coaches cannot wear conventional baseball uniforms or shoes with metal spikes.
 - Watches, bracelets, rings, pins, jewelry or other metallic items cannot be worn unless it alerts medical personnel to a specific condition.
 - Casts, including managers and coaches, must remain off the field.

II. EQUIPMENT

Safety equipment must be worn at all-times, even during practice (e.g. cups, batting helmets, catcher's gear, etc.).

Issued Equipment

- Equipment assigned to each team shall be itemized in duplicate and signed by the Manager/Coach and by the Equipment Chairperson. The Equipment Chairperson shall retain the original copy and the duplicate shall be given to the Manager/Coach who shall be responsible for the equipment. The Equipment Chairperson establishes the procedures for the replacement of damaged equipment.
- Managers/Coaches receive an itemized receipt for the equipment returned at the end of the season.
- If equipment is lost, then the Manager shall be financially responsible for its replacement at a price equal to the original purchase price.
- All equipment is to be used for HPNWLL purposes only and must be returned to the HPNWLL at such time as the Equipment Chairperson designates.

Batting Helmets

The HPNWLL shall provide in the dugout or bench of the offensive team six (4) protective helmets. Use of the helmet by the batter and all base runners is mandatory. Use of a batting helmet by an adult base coach is optional. The helmets provided by the HPNWLL must meet NOCSAE specifications and bear the NOCSAE stamp as well as an exterior warning label. Manufacturers have advised that altering helmets, including painting, adding decals (by anyone other than the manufacturer or authorized dealer), or in any way may be dangerous and void the helmet warranty. Helmets may not be re-painted and may not contain tape or re-applied decals unless approved by the manufacturer or authorized dealer.

Athletic Supporters

Male players must wear their own athletic supporter, including cups, preferably of the metallic, fiber or plastic type, during all practices and games. If a player is found without such protection, then that player cannot return to the game until such protection is obtained and worn.

Catcher's Equipment

- Male catchers must wear a long-model chest protector. Female catchers must wear a long or Short-model chest protector. All catchers must wear a chest protector with a neck collar, throat guard, shin guards and a catcher's helmet, all of which must meet Little League specifications and standards.
- The catcher's helmet must meet NOCSAE specifications and standards and bear the NOCSAE stamp. All catchers must wear a mask, "dangling" type throat protector and catcher's helmet during practice, warm-ups and games. Skull caps are not allowed in any division. Note: Manufacturers have advised that altering helmets in any way can be dangerous. Altering the helmet in any form, including painting or adding decals (by anyone other than the manufacturer or authorized dealer) may void the helmet warranty. Helmets may not be re-painted and may not contain tape or re-applied decals unless approved in writing by the helmet manufacturer or authorized dealer.

III. GLOVES/MITTS

Catcher's Mitt

For all divisions, a catcher that is catching pitches must wear a catcher's mitt of regulation shape, size and weight consistent with protecting the hand (a first baseman's glove or fielder's glove is not allowed to be used while catching pitches as a catcher).

First Baseman's Glove/Mitt

- The first baseman must wear a glove or mitt of any weight with the following maximum specifications:
 - Not more than fourteen inches (14") long (measured from the bottom edge or heel straight up across the center of the palm to a line even with the highest point of the glove or mitt), and
 - Not more than eight inches (8") wide across the palm (measured from the bottom edge of the webbing farthest from the thumb in a horizontal line to the outside of the little finger edge of the glove or mitt), and Webbing not more than five and three-fourths inches (5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") wide (measured across the top end or along any line parallel to the top).

Fielder's Glove

Each defensive player, other than the first baseman and catcher, must wear a glove of any weight, with the same maximum specifications as noted in the Rule regarding First Basemen's glove/mitt above (5.02). First basemen and catchers are the only fielders who may wear mitts. All other fielders must use fielder's gloves.

Pitcher's Glove

- The pitcher's glove may not, exclusive of the piping, be white or light gray, nor, in the judgment of an Umpire, distract in any manner.
- No pitcher shall attach to the glove any foreign material of a color different from the glove. The pitcher may wear a batting glove on the non-pitching hand under the pitcher's glove provided the batting glove is not white, gray, or optic yellow.
- No pitcher shall wear sweat bands on his/her wrists while pitching.

IV. BATS

The bat must be a baseball bat that meets Little League specifications as noted in this rule. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to Little League standards.

Division	Minor C	Minor B	Minor A	Majors	Juniors
Maximum Length	33"	33"	33"	33"	34"
Maximum Diameter	2 5/8"	2 5/8"	2 5/8"	2 5/8"	2 5/8"
Bat standard	USA	USA	USA	USA	USA or BBCOR

- Wood bats may be taped or fitted with a sleeve for a distance not exceeding sixteen inches (16") (eighteen inches (18") for Juniors Division) from the small end. A non-wood bat must have a grip of cork, tape or composition material, and must extend a minimum of ten inches (10") from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited. An illegal bat must be removed. Any bat that has been altered shall be removed from play.
- The two and three-quarter inches (2 ¾") diameter bat is not allowed in any division.
- The traditional batting donut is not permissible on the field.
- Non-wood bats may develop dents from time to time. Bats that cannot pass through the approved Little League bat ring for the appropriate division must be removed from play.
- If an illegal bat is used and called to the attention of the Umpire prior to the first pitch being delivered to the next batter, then the Umpire shall declare the batter out who used such an illegal bat, and the game shall resume as if the batter using the illegal bat was put out. If there were any runners on the bases, then they shall return to the bases they originally occupied.
- The Official Scorer shall credit the out to the catcher.
- Cupped Bats are allowed with an indentation in the end of the bat up to one inch (1") in depth and may be no wider than two inches (2") and no less than one inch (1") in diameter. The indentation must be curved with no foreign substance added.

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

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