



HOLLY HILLS BASEBALL Bylaws - Local Rules



SECTION 01 – SAFETY

HH01.01 The Plain Local Board of Education prohibits smoking on school property.

HH01.02 Holly Hills enforces a “Zero Tolerance” policy to eliminate unnecessary verbal or physical abuse by players, managers, coaches, parents or any other persons associated with Holly Hills Baseball. Holly Hills Baseball will not tolerate comments, constant complaints, verbal or physical threats. In those instances where players, parents, managers, coaches or spectators cannot control their comments or behaviors, they will be forced to leave the baseball complex immediately and the following actions will take place.

1st offense – Mandatory 1 game suspension pending hearing in front of Holly Hills Board

2nd offense – Suspended for rest of season and possible lifetime ban.

HH01.03 Holly Hills Baseball is divided in five (5) divisions. Players are placed in divisions according to their age on or before April 30th of each calendar year.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Eligible League Age</u>
Tee Ball	5 – 6
C League (Coach Pitch)	7 – 8
B League (Minor League)	9 – 10
A League (Major League)	11 – 12
SSBL Travel Ball	11U – 14U
Juniors	13 – 14
Seniors	15 – 16

SECTION 02 – MEETINGS

HH02.01 Members of the Holly Hills Board (a.k.a. “Board”) shall meet the 2nd Sunday of each month contingent upon Plain Township Hall availability. All board meetings shall start at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated at the Plain Township Hall. During the season the Board Meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. while the Manager Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are scheduled at Plain Township Hall unless noted otherwise.

HH02.02 All members of the Board should be present at all board meetings. In the event that a board member is unavailable to attend they must notify the League President at least one hour prior to the meeting. A board member that has an excessive number of unexcused absentees may be released from the board.

- HH02.03 If a league manager cannot make a meeting, he/she **must** have a representative come in their place (meetings are very important to inform all on the status of the league and what changes need to be considered). If the manager has an unexcused absence and does not have anyone representing his/her team, the manager may be suspended from the next game. The second offense may result in the loss of the managing position of the team.
- HH02.04 The League President shall vote only in the case of a deadlock on any motion or nomination.
- HH02.05 All rules will be governed by “Little League Baseball Rules” and supplemented by Holly Hills Baseball Bylaws.
- HH2.06 All voting will be done by paper ballot.
- HH2.07 Any player wishing to “play up” must get Board approval.
- HH2.08 The League President does not have sole authority to grant a waiver to a player; waivers must have board approval.
- HH2.09 League board position elections will take place every July. All potential board members must be voted on by the sitting board members. Board position term is one year (August to July).
- HH2.10 Sitting board members get one exemption (free registration) per family and a 50% discount off fees for each remaining child.

SECTION 03 – MANAGERS

- HH03.01 Managers are allowed to pick their own assistant coaches only after the teams are set with approval of the Board or the assistant coach’s child must be used as a first round draft pick if the assistant coach is selected prior to the draft.
- HH03.02 The Manager must list a roster of coaches for Coach Pitch/Minor/Major League teams and submit them to the League President before the 1st game is played.
- HH03.03 Prior to the start of practice, the Manager is to meet with the players, parents and other members of their team to introduce himself/herself and discuss what he/she plans and expects for the season. This is the time to distribute medical release forms. These medical release forms must be completed and returned to the Manager before the 1st practice of the season. **Absolutely no player** will be allowed to practice until his/her release has been signed.
- HH03.04 Major League and Minor League Managers will be assigned a practice field. These practice fields will be shared among the Major and Minor League. **Managers of each league will be responsible to provide field maintenance to their assigned field.** Field maintenance includes, but limited to, preparing of infield dirt, insertion of bases, installing outfield fences, painting dugouts and general clean up around field. Both, home and visiting teams, are responsible for prepping the field for play.

- HH03.05 Managers will make available their team's pitching records before the start of each game. If the manager does not produce the pitching record that has been signed by the umpire and opposing manager of the previous game, that manager will be suspended from the game. Pitching record should be kept in the book and updated on a timely basis.
- HH03.06 Batting line up shall be given to umpire and opposing coach prior to the start of every game.
- HH03.07 Each manager will be responsible to turn in the game's final score, pitching sheets and umpire information to the prescribed location at the Barr School Concession Stand. League VP's will collect this information and deliver to the Information Officer. Final scores must be emailed to the League VP by midnight the night of the game (winning team's responsibility).
- HH03.08 If a Manager is disqualified from a game by an Umpire, the Manager must immediately leave the property. If Manager does not immediately leave, then team is subject to forfeit game.
- HH03.09 Managers and Coaches may not have or use cell phones or any other communication devices on the playing field.

SECTION 04 – UMPIRES

- HH04.01 Umpire attire will include at least a blue shirt, gray pants/shorts for the games. One shirt per umpire will be supplied by Holly Hills Little League.
- HH04.02 Umpires are required to provide and use their own protective gear. Protective gear shall include – chest protector, mask and shin guards.
- HH04.03 Umpires must be at least 16 years old.
- HH04.04 Umpires are to be at the field no later than 5:45 to verify field assignments.
- HH04.05 Umpire's pay will be \$20 for each umpire that works Major or Minor League player pitch game. If umpire works game by himself/herself, then the pay shall be \$25. Pay will be \$40 for Junior/Senior games.
- HH04.06 If games in progress are called due to weather before it is officially finished, umpires will be paid \$10.
- HH04.06 Umpire's that are no shows for a game will have \$10 reduced from money due. If an umpire shows up to a scheduled game but the Manager / Team does not show, the umpire will be paid \$20.
- HH04.07 A new inning will not begin after 8:00 p.m. on a school night.
- HH04.08 In case of an injured player, the umpire will stop play.
- HH04.09 Umpire's shall strictly enforce the "no player outside the dugout" rule.
- HH04.10 A 2nd warning from an umpire for an unruly manager, player, parent or anyone else during a game will be asked to leave the field and go to the parking lot within 3 minutes or forfeit the game. One ejection

results in a one game suspension and ejected person is not permitted on school property. A player's ejection from a game does not require a manager's ejection.

HH04.11 Umpires who work Home All-Stars, Williamsport or any other game as a representative of Holly Hills shall wear blue shirts and gray pants. Umpires may not be parents or siblings of the players in these games.

SECTION 05 – PLAYING RULES

HH05.01 The mandatory playing rule will be governed by the "Little League Rule Book".

HH05.02 In addition to the mandatory playing rule, every player will play at least 1 additional inning per game in Minor/Major (A and B) league games.

HH05.03 PENALTY: The offending manager will appear before a league panel and may be subject to suspensions.

HH05.04 All "in-house" league games will have a continuous batting order.

SECTION 06 – PITCHING RULES

HH06.01 Mandatory pitching rules will be governed by "Little League Rule Book".

SECTION 07 – SCORING/GAME

HH07.01 Home team's scorebook is final but both scorekeepers / pitch counters need to convene between each inning to ensure accuracy.

HH07.02 Mercy rule is 15 runs by end of the 5th inning (A and B leagues)

HH07.03 Minor (B) league is limited to 5 runs per inning (EXCEPTION: 6th inning unlimited)

HH07.04 Coach Pitch (C) league is limited to 5 runs per inning (EXCEPTION: 7 run limit in 6th inning)

SECTION 08 – COACH PITCH LEAGUE PLAYING RULES

HH08.01 Each player has 7 pitches maximum (EXCEPTION: a foul tipped on 5th pitch)

HH08.02 If batter does not put ball in play after 7th pitched ball, a batting tee will be offered to help player put ball in play.

HH08.03 A full game consists of 6 innings.

HH08.04 There is a 5 run limit or 3 outs, whichever comes first. (EXCEPTION: 7 run limit in 6th inning)

- HH08.05 There are no strikeouts, walks, no leading off or stolen bases.
- HH08.06 Batted ball must travel more than 10' to be a live ball.
- HH08.07 Thrown bat is a warning on the 1st offense, same batter called out on 2nd offense.
- HH08.08 An out of play throw is a dead ball without runner advancement.
- HH08.09 If the ball comes in contact with the pitcher (Coach), it should be ruled a dead ball with no penalty to the batter.
- HH08.10 There are a maximum of 10 players on the field at one time (4 outfielders). If a team has extra players, they may use them all **with the opposing manager's approval**.
- HH08.11 All players must play a minimum of 2 full innings in the infield.
- HH08.12 Adult coaches must be present on 1st and 3rd base when team is batting.
- HH08.13 When the players are on defense, managers and coaches are permitted to be on the field and are encouraged to instruct them as the play unfolds.
- HH08.14 Sliding is allowed but it must be feet first (head first sliding will result with player being called out).
- HH08.15 Play ends when the ball is returned and controlled by an infielder. A player not reaching the halfway cross mark must return to the last base crossed.
- HH08.16 A new inning can not start after 8:00 p.m. on a school night.
- HH08.17 All players in C League and Tee Ball must wear a helmet while playing in the pitching position.

SECTION 09 – DRAFTING INFORMATION

- HH09.01 After a thorough tryout program has been completed, the last place team of the preceding season gets the first choice in every round of the draft, the next to last place team gets the second selection in every round and the remaining teams select in the reverse order of standing.
- HH09.02 If the previous year's regular season standings result in a tie, draft order will be determined by head to head competition. If head to head competition results in a tie, then draft order will be determined by coin toss.
- HH09.03 Managers must draft their son/daughter by the 4th round.
- HH09.04 Players shall never be told the position in which they were drafted.
- HH09.05 Any player not attending tryouts will be placed in a blind drawing at the draft. The blind draft can be elected to draw at any time. The manager will be made aware of the draftee at the end of the draft.

HH09.06 There will be no player trading.

SECTION 10 – UNIFORMS

HH10.01 All roster managers and coaches shall wear issued Holly Hills coaches shirts and hats on game day or they will not be permitted on the field.

HH10.02 Players may not wear jewelry, watches, rings, pins or any other metallic objects. (EXCEPTION: Jewelry that alerts medical personnel to a specific medical condition)

HH10.03 All players, managers, coaches and umpires must maintain a professional appearance by having uniform tucked in at all times.

HH10.04 Each manager is allocated 3 shirts for himself/herself and the coaches on his/her team. Additional shirts may be purchased through the League.

SECTION 11 – TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

HH11.01 In house tournament games will be played the entire 6 inning minimum (regardless of weather or darkness). If a game is unable to be completed in one evening, a second date will be set up by the League VP or opposing managers.

HH11.02 Coach Pitch/Minor/Major League will have a single elimination tournament after the regular season. Tournament structure and appropriate byes will be determined by the number of teams in the league for that respective season.

HH11.03 The regular season standings based upon winning percentage will determine the seeds for Coach Pitch, Minor and Major League's in house tournament.

HH11.04 Holly Hills will support travel teams in 11u,12u,13u,14u age groups. Travel teams will be charged a fee by Holly Hills to be set by the board. The fee will cover the insurance portion of each travel teams SSBL fees, field use, 2 dozen baseballs and a scorebook. Holly Hills will supply batting helmets and catchers gear from our inventory if needed by a team. Travel team managers will be voted on by the board in July of the previous year. Travel managers will work with HH league scheduler and each other to schedule fields. Travel team managers schedule their own umpires and pay their own umpires fees. Travel team managers and coaches are responsible for preparation and maintenance of the fields they use.

SECTION 12 – ALL STAR INFORMATION

HH12.01 All Star managers for both Williamsport and Home All Stars will be selected by a league manager ballot vote and board approval. This shall be voted on during the May board meeting.

HH12.02 All Star teams must wear the uniform provided by the league unless the Board approves the change in uniform.

SECTION 13 – GAME START TIMES

HH13.01 Games starting during the week are to start at 6:00. Games scheduled on Saturday can start as early as 10:00 a.m.

SECTION 14 – CANCELLATION OF GAMES

HH14.01 The President may cancel any game prior to the start of the game.

HH14.02 The Head umpire may cancel any game prior to the start of the game.

HH14.03 The Vice-President may cancel any game prior to the start of the game if the President is unavailable.

HH14.04 In the absence of the President or Vice President, the league Safety Officer may cancel any game prior to the start of the game.

SECTION 15 – PROTEST PROCEDURE

HH15.01 Protest procedure will be decided by “Little League” rules and Holly Hills Bylaws. Major and Minor League protests require a \$25.00 fee that is returnable only if the protest is upheld. The Vice President will not be permitted on the protest committee. A protest shall only be considered when it is based upon a violation or interpretation of a playing rule. No protests will be considered on a decision involving an umpire’s judgment. Protest procedure is as follows:

- 1) The manager shall not leave the dugout area until receiving permission from the umpire.
- 2) The manager protesting shall immediately and before a succeeding play begins, notify the umpire the game is being played under protest.
- 3) Following such notice, the umpire will consult with an associate umpire if one is present. If the umpire is alone he/she may review the call and if the umpire is convinced the decision made is in conflict with the rules, the umpire shall reverse that decision. If, however, after the umpire is not in conflict with the rules and the manager still wishes to continue the protest, the umpire shall announce the game is being played under protest. Failure of the umpire to make the announcement shall not affect the validity of the protest.
- 4) The manager has 24 hours to produce a written report to the President stating the facts of the protest and why he/she feels the game was played under protest. The report must be accompanied by \$25.00 cash for the protest fee (the protest fee is meant to minimize protests that are not necessary).

SECTION 16 – VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

HH16.01 Any volunteer (Board Member, Manager, Coach, Umpire, Concession Workers, Field Maintenance staff, etc.) who has contact with the children of Holly Hills Little League must complete the Volunteer Application before his/her duties start for the upcoming season. All applications will be turned in to the League President or Vice President for review. For Board Members, applications must be completed and turned in within the first month of their election/re-election to the Board. All other persons must complete and turn in application before they begin any interaction with the players of Holly Hills.(EXAMPLE: Managers & Coaches must complete and turn in application before their first practice.)

- HH16.02 Holly Hills Little League has the right to deny new applicants or remove current volunteer(s) (Board Member, Manager, Coach, Umpire, Concession Workers, Field Maintenance Staff, etc.) based on its findings during the background check (see HH18.01). Holly Hills Little League may prohibit any individual from participating as a volunteer or hired worker, if the Board deems the individual unfit to interact with minors.
- HH16.03 Holly Hills Little League has the right to review the past five (5) years when conducting its background check on all volunteers or hired workers.
- HH16.04 **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL ANY PERSON WHO IS A KNOWN CHILD-SEX OFFENDER BE PERMITTED TO HOLD ANY OFFICE OR POSITION IN HOLLY HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE OR ANY OTHER LEVEL OF LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL. ADDITIONALLY, ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIME INVOLVING OR AGAINST CHILDREN SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HOLD ANY POSITION IN HOLLY HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE.**

SECTION 17 – DISCIPLINING A MEMBER

- HH17.01 In the case of disciplining a Member (See Holly Hills Constitution – Article III) the discipline committee shall gather all the information, in writing if possible and report its findings to the Board of Directors. At this point, the Board could dismiss the case, or could send written notice to the accused, stating the charges in general, as well as when and where to appear to answer the charges.

At the disciplinary meeting:

- Re-state the charges for the record
- Give the accused ample opportunity to respond
- Board could decide to take no further action
- Board could decide to draft a warning or letter of reprimand
- Board could decide to revoke all or part of Person’s membership privileges for a specific period of time
- Any punishment must be approved by **two-thirds (2/3)** vote of the board

SECTION 18 – DISQUALIFIERS

- HH 18.01 All new and current Managers, Coaches and Board Members are subject to the following standards:

Automatic Lifetime Disqualifiers:

Felony Drug or Alcohol Crimes
 Sex Crimes
 Any crimes against or involving Children
 Felony Crimes of Violence or Weapons
 Felony Crimes of Theft or Forgery
 Any documented threats or assaults against umpires, referees, or any other Official
 Animal Cruelty

5 Year Disqualifiers:
 (from date of incident)

Misdemeanor Drug Crimes
 Misdemeanor Crimes of Violence

Misdemeanor Theft, Forgery or Falsifying Crimes
Misdemeanor Weapon Violation

3 Year Disqualifiers:
(from date of incident)

* 3 year disqualifiers are subject to Board Review
OVI or Alcohol Related Crimes
Disorderly Conduct or Obstructing Crimes
Multiple Misdemeanor Crimes or Violations

The Holly Hills Board of Directors reserves the right to change or amend the Bylaws as long as the changes or amendments are within the Little League Baseball regulation and rights. Any changes or amendments will be documented and added to the Holly Hills Bylaws as an attachment.

These Bylaws were approved by the Holly Hills Board of Directors on the 11th day of December, 2011.