

# New London 12 Year Old Tournament Rules

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1. Team rosters may consist of as few as 9 players to start and 8 to finish, who compete in the same league program, and have not reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday before May 1. There is no maximum roster size limit but only 15 awards will be given out per qualified team. Birth certificates must be available upon request. Games in which an ineligible player is used will be forfeited and scored 7-0.
2. All games are to be played **6 innings** unless there is a tie or a team is ahead by 8 runs after 4 innings. Each game will have a 1-1/2 hour time limit with no new inning starting after 1 hour and 20 minutes (This excludes the Championship Game, which will have no time limit). If a long rain delay has occurred, tournament committee has the right to shorten game times to get back on schedule.
3. **Pitchers shall be limited to 12 innings** for the tournament. They may pitch **3 consecutive innings per game. One pitch constitutes an inning. Games, in which an ineligible pitcher has been used, shall be declared a Forfeit!**
4. Trips to the mound by a coach may not exceed 1 trip per pitcher in 1 inning. The second trip shall automatically result in the removal of the pitcher from the game as a pitcher.
5. Protests will be considered if there is a misinterpretation of playing rules or a question of player eligibility. Members of the Protest Committee will be available during the game. A protest must be called to the attention of the committee immediately. The committee shall rule on the protest before the game continues. No protests on an umpire's judgment call. A protest needs to be stated before the next pitch or it is invalid.
6. 9 defensive players on the field; minimum is 8 players or forfeit.
7. **All** players must play **2 full innings**. All teams must **bat the entire roster** in a continuous order.
8. **NO FAKE BUNTS**. Once bunt has been presented, the batter cannot swing away. The batter will be out and play is dead.
9. **Courtesy runner** must be used for catchers with two outs. Last out will be the courtesy runner.
10. On an **overthrow**, the runners can advance until stopped by the defense. If the ball goes out of the confines of the playing area, or an equipment interference, the runner will be awarded the base that they are heading for, plus an additional base.
11. Base runners can **lead off** only after the **ball crosses the plate**. **If rule is violated, the runner will be out. NO WARNINGS GIVEN!!**
12. **Stealing home is allowed!!**
13. **Infield Fly Rule** will not be used.
14. No **running into the fielder** to knock the ball out **intentionally**. The runner will be out and the ball is dead. **Let's teach sportsmanship coaches!!** Runners must slide if played on at any base. **No contact. NO HEAD FIRST SLIDING** except when going back to base that has been earned. **Runners will be called out.**

15. Abusive or profane language will **not be tolerated**. Tobacco or alcohol in any form is **prohibited** in any playing area. **These are our children, let's be good examples!!!**
16. No **misuse of equipment or unsportsman like conduct** will be tolerated. Violation of this rule will result in **ejection and possible forfeiture of game!**
17. A manager or coach may not leave the bench area except to confer with one of their players or the umpire. This may be done when a time out is called. The umpire will govern time outs.
18. Team managers or coaches may coach the bases. No team will be allowed more than 4 adult coaches at the game or in the bench area. All coaches must register with the team roster.
19. No coach or player will be allowed behind the backstop at any time during the game in which they are participating.
20. The coach must furnish the official score keeper with a copy of the batting order 15 minutes prior to the game.
21. No game will be postponed except for weather conditions. Final rosters must be turned in 30 minutes prior to your first game. In the event of a cancellation, tournament officials will make every effort to notify you as soon as possible. Please include coaching staff names and phone numbers, including cell phone numbers, to be contacted in the event of rain delays or rainouts. Rain delays or rainouts will be resumed from the point of stoppage. In the event of weather, games will be considered complete after 4 innings. **If weather does not allow your team to play 3 games, the following rules will apply in refunding your team:**
  - 0 games played – full refund due
  - 1 game played – ½ of the entry fee refund due
  - 2 or more games played – no refund due
22. All bats must be Little League approved.
23. Helmets must be worn until the player is in the dugout.
24. Any rules not covered will be governed by the Official Little League rules and can be changed by the tournament director at any time.
25. Home team, which will be determined by a coin flip, will be the official scorebook and will be responsible for reporting score and innings pitched to tournament representative. Both head coaches need to verify the score and innings pitched before it is reported by signing scorecard, which will be given before each game.

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**NO CARRY-INS**

**LET'S TEACH AND ENCOURAGE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!!**

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