

DUNBAR LITTLE LEAGUE LOCAL RULES FOR MAJORS - March 2010

- 1) Catchers must wear a mask during warm-ups before and during the game. Full gear is recommended but not mandatory. Coaches may not warm up pitchers.
- 2) Umpires will hold a pre-game conference with coaches prior to the game for exchange of line-ups and introductions.
- 3) DLL will continue the practice of one adult base coach and one player base coach.
- 4) The 10 run mercy rule may be waived at the discretion of the manager of the team which is behind by 10 or more runs after four complete innings of play.
- 5) Bat throwing:

In cases where a player throws a bat, the player shall be issued a warning, and the coach advised that a repeat violation will result in the player's ejection from the game. The warning applies to the specific player and not to the team as a whole. Where an umpire determines that a player deliberately throws their bat (e.g. in anger), the player shall be ejected from the game even if it is the player's first offence – i.e. no warning required for deliberate bat throwing.
- 6) Bat waiving:

In cases where a player waives his bat repeatedly during the delivery of a pitch, the umpire will call a strike and advise the coach of this safety ruling.
- 7) Plays at home plate:

Where a play occurs at home plate involving a defensive player and a base runner, it is the base runner's responsibility to avoid contact with the defensive player (e.g. by sliding or running around the defensive player). If the umpire determines that the defensive player is not in possession of the ball, or about to receive it, and the base runner attempts to avoid a collision but is subsequently tagged out because the path to home plate was blocked, the base runner shall be ruled safe because of obstruction (see Rule Book 7.08 (a)(3)). If a base runner collides with a defensive player at home plate the base runner shall be called out. If the umpire determines that the base runner deliberately and maliciously makes contact with the defensive player, the base runner will be ejected from the game.
- 8) DLL coaches will continue the tradition of being outside of the dugout during live play. From that position coaches must still ask for time before requesting a consultation with the umpire in order to clarify an umpire's call or obtain a rule interpretation. Coaches are required to make such requests politely. They may not question judgment calls by the umpire (safe/out, ball/strike, fair/foul) but they may ask an umpire to request help from another umpire if they think the umpire has missed some aspect of the play. Umpires are requested to ask help from their partner only if they have a doubt about their original call.
- 9) Time restrictions for weekend games:

No inning in a weekend game shall start after two (2) hours from the start of the game, e.g. noon start, last inning could start no later than 2 pm.
If a game is delayed by rain, the game must still be completed within the time limit set forth above, cancelled, or played as an incomplete game if the minimum innings are not completed.
Time restrictions for weekend games do not apply to playoff games.