

# CHLL A-Ball Rules 2023

The following rules are guidelines the managers agreed upon on how to conduct our games. Please remember the goals of this division are to teach the children how to play the game of baseball, to develop their baseball skills, to instill a sense of teamwork and team play, and to have fun. The level is predominantly a 7-year-old league.

If you have any questions or need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your commissioner or the CHLL Board immediately.

## 1. Coaches on the field

- Defensive team: Three adult coaches are allowed on the field to instruct the players. Two coaches must remain in the outfield. A third coach is allowed to stand by the backstop to help the catcher.
- Offensive team: Three adult coaches are allowed on the field when their team is batting; one in the 1st base coach's box, one in the 3rd base coach's box, one working the pitching machine.
- All coaches must be approved by the CHLL Board and must complete background checks.

2. USABat Rule – all players must use a Little League approved “USABat”. The batter will be called out if he/she uses an illegal bat. The batter is called out once they step into the batter's box with an illegal bat. No warnings.
3. Continuous batting is used for every game. This means that all players on the team are inserted into the batting order. If there are 12 players, then a batting order with 12 slots will exist.
4. All players will bat each inning. Only once through the order. No strike outs or walks.
5. If a player has not hit a ball in play after 5 pitches, they should hit from the tee, to complete that at bat.
6. Base stealing is not allowed.
7. Lead-offs are not allowed.
8. If a batter throws their bat they should be given a warning from the coaches.
9. If a batter or runner is tagged or forced out, they will return to the bench.
10. If a batter is retired on the catch of a fly ball hit or a runner is doubled off a base on a fly ball, they will return to the bench.
11. Runners should not advance on an overthrow. If the ball is hit into the outfield, then the batter can try to advance to 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Once the ball is in the proximity of the pitching mound, the runner stops.
12. On a ball hit to the outfield the runner may advance until the ball is in the proximity of the pitching mound or the base ahead of the lead runner.
13. All games will be 3 innings unless both coaches agree to an extra inning. Try to keep the game to an hour.
14. No catchers.

### **Lightning Safety**

Discretion should be used at all times regardless of indicator warnings. It is the responsibility of the two managers to officially suspend games when lightning is spotted in the area.

***At any point during the season, the CHLL Board reserves the right to alter, add or eliminate certain rules, if it's determined that it will better serve the league.***