

# CANTON LITTLE LEAGUE

Reference Manual



## Welcome and Thank you!

The Canton Little League (CLL) board would like to thank you for giving your time and effort helping and developing the youth of Canton by building and strengthening the program which includes baseball, softball and challenger leagues. Your dedication and commitment keeps the program moving forward and has achieved outstanding results in its 70 years.

CLL follows the little League motto of "Courage, Character and Loyalty". CLL promotes baseball, softball & challenger and provides a positive and enriching experience. We strive to provide a program of healthy activity which allows all the children of Canton, regardless of ability or skill level, the opportunity to play and develop their baseball and softball skills.

CLL program is dedicated to continued improvement in the program so the kids can grow and hopefully continue to compete at the highest levels. However, with this commitment to develop players who wish to play in high school and beyond, the full team effort and full team participation is critical. Wins and losses are not the top priority; player development, sportsmanship and having fun are our top priorities!

It is our goal through CLL that Canton youth are inspired by the success they can achieve through Teamwork, Dedication and Leadership.

Thank you again for your time

Pat Murphy

CLL President

## Key policies and procedures of CLL

### General:

1. All players who are registered will be placed on a team and will play in every game.
2. Players, fans, and coaches are not allowed to ridicule or distract anyone involved in the game including umpires.
3. For leagues above Instructional Baseball or Rookie Softball, Managers can cross the foul line only to hold a conference with the pitcher. For Teeball, Instructional, Rookie and Pre-Rookie levels, managers are permitted to enter the field of play to instruct their players.
4. During the game all players should be on the bench or in the dugout, except for the batter, base coaches, and defensive players. Little League does not permit on-deck batters to swing.
5. Managers and all players shall shake hands after each game to show good sportsmanship.
6. The manager from the winning team is required to submit the game score.
7. Managers/coaches should lead by example and respect the judgment of the umpire.
8. Only the team manager can discuss rule interpretation with the umpire, this must be done with the other team manager. Protest should be avoided by resolving the ruling on the field, the umpires call is the final say.
9. After every game it is the responsibility of each team to ensure that their teams' dugout and bench area are clean.
10. After every game, managers and coaches should rake out the field and cover the pitcher's mound and home plate.
11. Within 24 hours, the manager of the winning team must post the score. Both teams are responsible for entering pitch counts on the CLL website.
12. Use of helmets are mandatory by the batter and base runners. In the event a player is needed as a first coach a helmet must be worn.
13. Use of face masks are mandatory for all pitchers and infield players for softball.
14. All catchers must wear a mask (minimum) to warm up a pitcher.

15. Full gear must be worn by the catcher during the game.
16. The home team will supply (2) new balls for the game.
17. A volunteer shall operate the scoreboard remote control. It is the responsibility of the home team's manager to ensure the remote control has been returned to the charging station and plugged in.
18. CLL will not tolerate the consumption of alcoholic beverages or smoking at or near the fields before, during or after any game.
19. Managers and coaches are expected to show up to all games a minimum of 20 minutes prior to game time. Teams are expected to be warmed up and ready to play at the scheduled time.
20. In the event of weather, the Town will notify CLL when the fields are closed.
21. All games must be made up on the first open date following the game cancellation. The home team manager will notify the Player Agent and the league scheduler to reschedule all games.
22. Player agents must coordinate with the head of umpires (softball or baseball) to secure umpires for the rescheduled game.
23. Refer to the CLL website for specific game rules for each level including pitching rules.

The following is an overview of the pitches allowed per day for baseball. Each home team manager must assign an official pitch count keeper (must be an adult) who will count the number of pitches. Please refer to the website for additional information:

Minors:	75 pitches per day or 9 outs
Majors:	85 pitches per day
13-16 year old:	95 pitches per day
17-18 year old:	105 pitches per day

## Player Drafting for CLL

Baseball and Softball older levels hold a draft each year. Some of these are to fill open roster spots while others are to draft a complete team. Minors' baseball is allowed to have two representatives at the draft, the manager and coach. Majors' baseball is allowed one manager and an assistant coach only if the assistant was on the same team the previous season. Slotting of any manager or coaches' children shall be as follows:

First round: Player was on the "A" level summer team and/or club team and was rated high during try outs. For softball senior league only, the player agent will have the final ruling, but will use the try out ratings and feedback from coaches regarding players who were on the U10 level teams the prior summer. Players who were on the U14 "A" level team will be slotted into this round.

Second round: Player was on the "A" level summer team and/or club team and was rated moderate during try outs. For softball senior league only, the player agent will have the final ruling, but will use the try out ratings and feedback from coaches regarding players who were on the U10 level teams the prior summer. Players who were on the U14 "A" level team who cannot be slotted into the first round because a teammate was slotted in the first round already will be slotted in the second round.

Third round: Player did not meet the criteria above and was rated midlevel to low during try outs.

Further rounds: Player did not meet the criteria above and was rated low during try outs.

The player agent will set the date and location for the draft and will have final say on player slotting. In the discretion of the senior league player agent, a team that has multiple players who would have slotted in the first round may lose mid-round draft picks and be given additional picks at the end of the draft to make the league more competitive. The purpose of the spring leagues is to have fun and create a competitive environment, not to create a super team.

## CLL Allstar Team Selection

An all-star game is played each year for the older levels of Baseball and Softball. The managers shall make the selections of their best players to participate in the all-star game. The number of players per team will be determined by the players based on the number of teams per league.

## CLL Williamsport Team Selection

The Williamsport team is selected from the major league players, the selection processes is as follows:

1. Each major league team manager shall nominate to the major league player agent any player that is qualified to play on the CLL Williamsport team.
2. The major league player agent shall generate a ballot from the names provided.
3. Each major league manager shall vote for no more than ten players on the ballot. This vote shall take place at one location with all managers present.
4. The managers are allowed to write in one name not on the ballot.
5. The top nine vote getters will be asked to be part of the team. If a player cannot participate, the tenth-place vote getter will be asked.
6. The remaining roster spots shall be filled by the current Williamsport manager with approval from the Vice president of baseball and President of CLL.

## CLL Williamsport Team Manager Selection

After the Williamsport team is selected the Summer baseball player agent, with approval of the CLL Vice President of baseball and CLL President shall select the Williamsport Manager. The selection processes are as follows:

1. Team play during the regular season, including team preparation before games, demonstration by the team of good fundamental baseball knowledge and sportsmanship.
2. Knowledge of little league rules.
3. Major league coaching experience.

## CLL Softball LL Tournament Team Selection

The CLL Softball LL U10, U12, U14, U16 teams are selected from all eligible spring and summer league players. The selection processes are as follows:

1. Each spring league team manager and/or each manager from the prior year's summer league team shall nominate to the Softball board members any player that is qualified to play on the CLL tournament team.
2. The Vice president of Softball shall generate a ballot from the names provided.
3. The Softball board members shall vote for no more than ten players on the ballot for each division. This vote shall take place at one location with all members present. Managers who do not have a view on an age group (i.e. a manager in senior league who does not have a reason to know the ability of the players in the u10 division) should not vote for that age group.
4. The members are allowed to write in one name not on the ballot for each division.

5. The top 13 vote getters will be asked to be part of the team. If a player cannot participate, the next vote getter will be asked. If the selected manager chooses, he or she may add one player to the roster, who must be approved by the CLL President and CLL Vice President of Softball.
6. The final roster shall be approved by the Vice president of Softball and President of CLL.

## CLL Softball Tournament Team Manager Selection

After the teams have been selected the softball board members, with approval of the CLL Vice President of Softball and CLL President shall select the team Managers. The selection processes are as follows:

1. Team play during the regular season, including team preparation before games, demonstration by the team of good fundamental baseball knowledge and sportsmanship.
2. Knowledge of little league rules.
3. Tournament coaching experience.