

**Corn Belt
“C” Ball
RULES
2024**

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**Corn Belt "C" League
Transition League
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LITTLE LEAGUE RULES AND BI-LAWS**

1. The CORN BELT "C" BASEBALL LEAGUE

- A. The Corn Belt "C" Baseball League (CBBBL) shall consist of how every many Division's The league managers vote on.
- B. Any team wishing to enter the league must attend and be approved by a vote of the league at the annual league meeting in the spring.
- C. Each division shall select a Division Director at the league meeting.
- D. All correspondences to the League should be done by email, rockcreekball@aol.com ONLY Phone in EMERGENCY
- E. Each Town has one vote on League matters, regardless how many teams each town has, for By-Law and Rule Changes.
- F. There is No Complaints to be addressed to the League concerning Umpires, that should be handled on the Field.
- G. Entry Fee for 2024 is \$195 per team, Mail Fee to Greg H. Gould 1053 Pauline Place Plano, IL 60545

2. LEAGUE RULES

The CBBBL shall be governed by the Official Rules of Major League Baseball and Pony Baseball Rule book, Little League Rule Book and Corn Belt "A" League and shall be superseded by specific rules within our own league as described herein.

3. SCHEDULES

- A. The league shall begin competition whenever each division or a majority there of decides.
- B. Game days for 2024 are Thursday 6:00pm (to save daylight both coaches can agree to start at 5:45pm), Saturday's games will begin at 10:00am **(Saturday Games Can Be Flexible on times if Both Coaches agree)**
- C) Rescheduling
 - 1) The home team shall present the opposing Head Coach with two (2) options for rescheduling a game within 1 week of the original date.
 - 2) If the game is not rescheduled or played within this time frame, the team causing the delay shall forfeit.
 - 3) Rescheduling shall only be done in the event of graduation ceremonies or inclement weather, unless both teams decide otherwise.
 - 4) In the event of a scheduling dispute, the Corn Belt shall rule on forfeiture.
 - 5) If a team fails to appear for a regularly scheduled game shall be recorded as a 2-0 loss in the regular season standings.
 - 6) Regular Season games that are cancelled for reasons not approved by these rules, Corn Belt League Representative, or by mutual agreement of the coaches shall be recorded as a 2-0 loss of the cancelling team.
 - 7) Regular Season games that cannot be rescheduled (after every attempt by both teams has been made) shall be recorded as a 1-1 tie in the final standings.
 - 8) The home team's Coach shall notify the League Office of rescheduled games.

4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. All boys and girls that are in first and second grade, but no older than 8 by Sept 1, 2024 Players Whose Birthday falls between Old date of May 1 to New date of Sept. 1, are grandfathered to stay at the level they would have been until 2027.

5. ROSTERS

- A. Need Uniform Numbers, First and Last Name, emailed to rockcreekball@aol.com before release of Schedules

6. LINEUPS/BATTING AND PLAY

- A. All team members present will bat (ex. if there are 13 players available, all 13 will bat before the leadoff batter comes back up)
- B. Free substitution for all players is allowed.
- C. Each Player on the Roster must play at least one (1) defensive inning.
- D. Each team will field 10 players, Each team will use four (4) outfielders; three (3) if a team has only 9 Players.
- E. Less than 8 players will result in a forfeit.
- F. No drop third strike or infield fly will apply.
- G. No Bunting.
- H. The First 3 innings, the Players (batters) will be given 3 pitches to put the ball in play from Kid pitching. If batter doesn't put the ball in play from the kids 3 pitches, the batters will be given 3 more pitches from their own coach. No 3-swing strike outs. Batter is out if he fails to put the ball in play within six pitches. Exception: If the batter fouls their 6 pitch, he gets another pitch (7 Max). Then that is it if he swings and misses, fouls it or takes a pitch, their at bat is over. The rest of the innings the coach will pitch only 4 pitches for the batter to put the ball into play, if not the batter is out. **Three outs or (4) Four runs will end an inning. (started New for 2024)**
- I. The first time a batter throws a bat, the umpire/coach must issue a warning and that swing will be considered a foul ball. One the second and every other occurrence the batter will be called out.
- J. Players limited 30 to 50 pitches maximum. 1 inning is recommended, if under 30 pitches they can pitch a second inning but not exceed 50 pitches total. (See Pitching rule)
- K. The coach/pitcher must pitch from the rubber (34 Feet), in a standing position or from a knee or sitting on a bucket, The Coach may pitch either over or under hand which ever they prefer, however the projection of the ball must be flat (no lobs or arcs) (See Pitching rule)
- L. When the coach pitches, he will make no defensive plays. A player will stand next to the coach-pitcher to field the position. A batted ball striking the coach-pitcher is a dead ball and is treated as a foul ball. After 4 Pitches and they do not reach base they are out.
- M. In order to develop batting skills and confidence, players are to be encouraged to swing at any hittable pitch. There are no strike outs, No Called Strikes. (Started New for 2021)
- O. Umpires/Coach are instructed that the strike zone is shoulders to below knees and three inches (about the diameter of a ball) inside and outside. Each pitcher is allowed (1) hit batsman per inning, but they must be removed in the event of a second hit batsman. A player is awarded 1st base if they are hit by a pitch.
- P. When the coach is the pitcher, no batter will take first base if hit by a pitch.

7. PITCHING

- A. Players (batters) will be given **3** pitches to put the ball in play from Kid pitching. If batter doesn't put the ball in play from the kids 3 pitches, the batters will be given 3 more pitches from their own coach. No 3-swing strike outs. Batter is out if he fails to put the ball in play within **six pitches, during kid pitch.** Exception: If the batter fouls their last pitch, he gets another pitch. This continues until the batter swings and misses at a pitch (started New for 2021)
- B. It's not expected for the catcher shall have access to a bucket of balls, instead of chasing every Pitch not caught. Coaches are encouraged to put a Fielding backstop behind the catcher to help stop overthrown Pitches or a person behind the mound with extra balls or behind the catcher is recommended.
- C. The coach/pitcher must pitch from the rubber (34 Feet), in a standing position or from a knee or sitting on a bucket, The Coach may pitch either over or under hand which ever they prefer, however the projection of the ball must be flat (no lobs or arcs)

8. GAME TIME AND FORFEITS

- A. All game times for weekday games are 6:00pm (to save daylight both coaches can agree to start at 5:45pm, Saturday's games will begin at 10:00am **(Saturday Games Can Be Flexible on times if Both Coaches agree)**)
- B. Less than 8 players will result in a forfeit.
- C. All Games are 6 innings or 1-1/2 hours, whichever comes first. No new inning can start after 1-1/2 hours. Three outs or **(4) Four** runs will end an inning. (NEW FOR 2024)

9. UMPIRES

- A. No Umpires needed, except for Tournament and All-Star Game (New 2022)
- B. If the Home team provides the Home umpire.
- C. The Away team shall be responsible for providing the Base Umpire.
- D. The Umpires should be High School age or older.

10. BALLS

- A. Home team is responsible for providing a Regular Little League Baseball (New 2019)

11. EQUIPMENT

- A. Catchers should be properly protected with a complete set of certified. regulation gear (including a throat protector, helmet, facemask, chest protector, shin guards, and protective cup)
- B. The bat shall be no longer than thirty-two (32) inches in length and the barrel shall be no bigger than two and Five eights (2 5/8) inches in circumference.
- C. USSSA Baseball stamp, USA Baseball Stamp, Little League Baseball Stamp
Any Association Bat is good.

12. MANAGERS AND COACHES

- A. All managers and coaches shall be responsible for the conduct and sportsmanship of his own players both on and off the field.
- B. Two Coaches will be allowed on the field for instructional purposes while their teams is on the field. Coaching will be done by high school age or older.
- C. Teams are allowed to keep score and post results on Cornbelt "C" Ball facebook Page, Standings will be kept, to seed tournament (New 2022)

13. BASE RUNNING

- A. Bases are to be set at sixty (60) feet apart.
- B. No Stealing or lead offs. Runners may only after a hit ball. No Advancement on a passed ball.
- C. Once any infielder has possession of the ball after the batter has reached first base or been declared out, the play should be considered stopped. Runners may continue to the base they were headed at the completion of the play. There will be no advancement on any overthrow.
- D. On all plays at home plate, the runner must slide, or they will be called out.

14. Post Season Tournament

- A. Every team will be entered into a Post season Tournament.
- B. Umpires are required for Tournament Games
- C. Home Team will be the higher seed, and games will be Played at the higher seed.
- D. Regular Pitching Rules apply for Post Season Tournament
- E. Individual Trophies will be present to the final four teams.

15. All-Star Game

- A. Information to be announced (TBA) June 22, 2024 in Newark, Coaches will be voted on by other Coaches

16. Lightning/Thunder

- A. When thunder is heard or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
- B. 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
- C. Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
- D. When independently validated lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.

*****Please Remember that this League is here to teach and have Fun.*****

Recommended fielding

