

LEHIGH VALLEY LEHIGH VALLEY CONNIE MACK BASEBALL

2018 BI-LAWS and PLAYING RULES

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OFFICIAL BI-LAWS

THE NAME OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE LEHIGH VALLEY CONNIE MACK BASEBALL LEAGUE (HEREIN SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS LVCMBL)

RULE

PURPOSE

- A To organize and direct an intercommunity baseball program which will promote protect and conserve the health and physical welfare of all participants.
- B To formulate and maintain policies that will safeguard the educational values of intercommunity athletics and cultivate high ideas and good sportsmanship.
- C To promote uniformity of standards.

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MEMBERSHIP

- a All baseball teams which are accredited by the American Connie Mack Baseball Program of Pennsylvania and are in the Lehigh Valley Area are eligible for membership.
- b Application for membership in the LVCMBL shall be made in writing by the Executive Officer of the sponsoring organization and shall be accompanied by the entry fee of \$100.00 after a resolution of approval by the league representatives . To become effective the application must receive the approval of the participating teams. This application shall be made by the NOVEMBER meeting of the current year.
- c Membership in this league shall become effective when the teams' application the final approval of two-thirds of the voting representatives and the sponsoring organization has been notified of such official action. This action not be later then the first meeting of APRIL of the current year.
- d **Any new team applying for membership in the LVCMBL must pay dues three years in advance for State and Local membership fees. (as of 1/21/2010)**

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DUES

- a Annual dues of member teams of the LVCMBL shall be as follows
- b \$100.00 Lehigh Valley League Fee (Jan. 2012)

- c \$150.00 Pa State League Fee PLUS
- d Umpire assignor fee of the current year contract
- e Official baseball's approved by Connie Mack prices subject to change yearly
- g Uniform patches which are 1.00 ea.
- h Fines accrued from previous year
- l New team joining fees shall consist of
 - a 100.00 one time joining fee to LVCM
 - b 100.00 one time joining fee to Pa State Connie Mack
- e A three year commitment fee to LVCM and the State
- f and also above 2 d , e , g , h of which are yearly cost

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FINES

- a Any team not properly represented at any meeting automatically carries a \$ 10.00 fine for the first violation and \$ 25.00 for the second consecutive violation. Missing a third consecutive meeting the fine is \$ 100.00 , the organization will be removed from the league and a reapplication process fee of an additional \$ 100.00 is required . (JAN 2010)
Also the organization will be required to pay dues for three years.
(Ref. rule # 1 sub d , page # 1)
- b Forfeit fee of game shall be the amount of two umpire fees per game of the current year contract with the umpire association . The fine will be paid by the League , and the organization will have 72 hours to repay the league. If the fine is received by the league with in 72 hours the game will not be considered a forfeit . (Feb. 2017)
- c **All dues are payable at the beginning of each current baseball season. Dues must be paid on or before the MAY meeting of the current season. if team does not pay by the MAY meeting they will not be allowed to play games untill said fees are paid , each game will be a loss to said team (2017)**
- d If a team is suspended from the league for any reason a one hundred (\$100.00) dollor re-entry fee will be required for reinstatement to the league. (Jan. 2010)
- e A team that decides not to enter a team during a season may elect to pay fees **required (ANNUAL , LVCM fee , Pa State Team fee , and baseball orderd for that current year) , to maintain their standing in the league . Teams may do this for up to two years . After two years , teams must enter a season or will be considered to have withdrawn from the league and must apply for , and pay fees consistent with rule # 7 page # 1 under membership of the LVCM bi-laws . (March 2011)**

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OFFICERS

- a The officers shall serve for a period of one year ,effective with the JANUARY meeting.
- b The officers of this league shall be a President , Vice-President , Secretary and Treasurer . A Board of Commissioners * shall be appointed for settlement of protest of league irregularities.

- c The Board of Directors is made up of the organizational representatives.
- d * A four man board with three additional members chosen by the President for purpose of grievances and protests. If a director's team is under consideration than an alternate is selected. (Jan 2010)

4a THE PRESIDENT

- a shall conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- b present a report of the condition of the Local League at all meetings.
- c communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate and make suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the Local League.
- d be responsible for the conduct of the Local League in strict conformity to the policies , principles , Rules and Regulations of the LVCMBL
- e designate in writing , other officers , if necessary , to have power to make and execute for / and in the name of the Local League such contracts and leases they may receive and which have and prior approval of the Local League.
- f investigate complaints , irregularities , and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon.
- g prepare an annual budget and responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- h examine the application and support proof-of-age documents of every player candidate and to certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted.
- i responsible for the organizing of Local League Schedule.
- j in conjunction with the Treasure must sign all checks.

4b VICE-PRESIDENT

- a in case of the absence or disability of the president , and provide he is authorized by the President , the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting shall have all the powers of that office , and shall have such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President . The Vice-President shall be a member of all outstanding committees.

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4c SECRETARY

- a be responsible for the recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files , mailing lists and necessary records.
- b perform such duties as herein specifically set forth ; in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Secretary.
- c maintain a list of all Regular Members.
- d keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and cause them to be recorded in a book for that purpose.
- e shall conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all

- orders , votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- f notify Members , Officers and Committee members of their election of appointment.

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TREASURER

- a perform such duties as are herein set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer.
- b receive all monies and securities , and deposit same in a depository approved by the Local League
- c keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of the Local League ; approve all policies established in advance of such actions by the Local League . All disbursements by check must have dual signatures.
- d prepare a financial report for the submission to the Membership at the monthly general meetings.

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AMENDMENTS

- a Ammendments to these Bi-Laws must be approved by two-thirds of the teams voting , with each Team allowed one vote.
- b ammendments to be considered during the current year must be approved prior to the first game of the season before voting members.
- c Rule changes must be voted on at three consecutive meetings prior to the start of the first game of the season.

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PENALTIES

- a A team shall be suspended if it refuses to abide by the decision of the Local League by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the LVCMBL . Any Board member whose team or organization is being considered for suspension is not eligible to vote on the decision. (Jan . 2010)

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TEAM SUSPENSIONS

A team may be suspended for :

- a For using a proven ineligible player.
- b For flagrant violation of the Bi-Laws of this League , Local or State.
- c When the conduct of its coaches , or team is unsportsmanlike and results in actions which are detrimental to individual and public welfare and which are prejudicial to the porpose of this association.
- d For not completing its schedule of games for the season and must apply for re-entry to this league.

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INDIVIDUAL SUSPENSIONS

- a Any Manager , Player or Coach ejected from a game will have an automatic suspension of one game. The Manager or Coach's suspended will not be allowed at the next game. When the umpire takes control of the game the Manager or Coach must be off site and may only return at the end of the Game. The Player ejected from the game must be in full uniform and present , and sitting on the bench ,prior to the game the umpires must be notified that the suspended player is at the game in full uniform .
- b The President of the league must be notified if any Player , Manager or Coach has been ejected . Managers of both teams must notify the League President Manager of the team with the suspension must notify the umpire assignor after the completed game.
- c The President of the League Must be notified that the suspension of the Player , Manager or Coach has been served before the respected individual may return to the next scheduled game. The opposing Manager or Coach of the game being played will be responsible for contacting the President .
- d A second occurrence of the above mention offenses shall result in an automatic two (2) game suspension , also if a Manager or Coach is suspended for two (2) games there will be a \$ 50.00 dollar fine imposed and must be paid before such Manager or Coach is allowed back on the field. This will be in effect for the entire current season.
After a player is ejected for the second time he will be required to bring a parent to there next game and meet with the PRESIDENT of LVCMBL (2017)
- e A third occurrence of the above mentioned offenses will be subject to the Board of Directors action which may result in the suspension of a player for the remainder of the current season . If a Manager or Coach has a third occurrence they shall automatically be suspended for the remainder of the current season , and shall have a meeting with the Board of Directors to be considered to be eligilbe to Manage or Coach in the next season.
- f **All suspensions will be in effect the next game of attendance (Nov. 2004)**
- g The umpire must generate a letter with an explanation of the ejection within 48 hours.

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FORFEITS

- a **The home team must have at least 9 players ready to play at the scheduled starting time of the game. However , a 15 minute grace period will be allowed Neither Manager , Coach , or Umpire is authorized to change this 15-minute grace period.**
- b The visiting team team must have 9 players by the time they take field in the first inning or by the time the 9th / (10th EH) batter is required to bat in the top of the first inning.
- c If a player is injured and there are no reserve players , the Managers or Coaches of the teams involved CANNOT agree to proceed with one team having less than 9 players . RESERVE PLAYERS include those players who have already played and have been removed from the game. Players ejected from the game CANNOT be included as a RESERVE PLAYER.
Also a player serving a suspension will not be eligible as a reserve player without the permission of the LEAGUE PRESIDENT (2017)
- d If a field is not available because the home team failed to properly schedule

the field , the visiting team wins by forfeit , this assumes both teams are at the field with at least 9 players per team AND at least umpire present. If a team does not have 9 players that team loses by forfeit ; wether or not the field was properly scheduled.

- e If an umpire(s) fails to show for a game , the home team does not lose by forfeit. If there are two umpires scheduled and one is present . The game is to be played with only one umpire. If there is not at least one official umpire present , the managers or coaches cannot agree to play the game with an umpire(s) that is not a member of the umpire association chosen and approved by the league.

Unless you call the PRESIDENT of the LEAGUE for permission (2017)

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CONTRACTS

- a At roster night which will be the week before or the week of the start of the season all teams must turn in an official PENNSYLVANIA CONNIE MACK YOUTH BASEBALL ROSTER of players to the LVCMBL , to the secretary and one copy **to each of the team managers , and ORIGINAL and THREE COPIES to the league PRESIDENT .**

Roster must include

address (including township or borough) for rosters to be official.

Rosters will not be accepted untill all this information is provided . Teams must provide an approved roster to the league at least 48 hours prior to their first game. Failure to provide the roster may result in forfeiting games. The roster shall not EXCEED 20 PLAYERS and must include player's name , address , and birth date . Any player that has signed more than 1 team roster will be disqualified for the entire season ; all players who live within a team's boundry and attends two tryouts and a released shall be free agents . If that player joins another team he is the property of that team the following year , unless he is released by that team . A team's roster may be modified untill JUNE 30th. Once the LVCM Secretary or President approves a roster the team managers

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CONTRACTS CONTINUED

- a must give it to all opposing teams prior to play . If a player is added to the roster prior to JUNE 30th and is approved by a Board Member with that Board Members signature on the roster a COPY OF THAT ROSTER MUST THEN BE PRESENTED TO EACH OPPOSING TEAM BEFORE THE GAME . No player added to the roster may play untill a board member approves him. Violation of this rule will result in a forfeit of the game and team suspension in accordance with LVCMBL bi-laws.
- b If a player has a major injury during the active season including LVCMBL and state playoffs , he may be replaced , as long as there is a certified DOCTOR's statement stating the player cannot play. He will be placed on the inactive list and shall remain property of said team. Teams must still abide by the rules concernig Legion Players . (jan 2010)
- c LVCMBL games may only be played with contracted players.
- d **Teams are allowed 3 double roster Senior Legion Palayers provided they have that**

players roster for whom that player is playing for and turned in at roster night.

That player must participate in 48 % of the regular seasons games in order to qualify to play in State Playoff games.

- e AT ROSTER NIGHT THE ONLY TWO (2) FORMS THAT WILL BE OFFICIAL ARE A COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR PASSPORT FOR SAID PLAYER.
A RECORDED OF BIRTH IS ALLOWED ONLY FOR THE REGULAR SEASON FOR LVCM

11 PROTEST

- a Either team may protest a game by serving notice to both umpires and to the manager or coaches of the opposing team at the time of the dispute that this being played under protest . Both managers or coaches and umpire-in-charge must sign the visitor and home team scorebook . (Jan 2010)
- b Umpires will make a public announcement of the protested game.
- c The team making the protest and the umpires shall file a written report with the league President within 24 hours after the completion of the game involved.
- d Protest fee of \$ 100.00 dollars will be enforced . If the protest is up-held the fee shall be refunded.

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12 SCHEDULING

- a The LVCMBL schedule format will be decided at the NOVEMBER meeting . (Jan 2010)
- b The dates of the scheduled games can only change by the consent of both teams and / or the League President . (Jan 2010)
- b-1 **When games are changed these two persons must be notified
The WEBMASTER and the UMPIRE ASSIGNOR**
- c All request for changing dates shall specify the new dates agreed upon and **forwarded with-in 48 hours prior to the playing dates to the person responsible for assigning the umpires. If not with-in 48 hours theumpires will be paid for the game**
- d Games postponed MUST BE RESCHEDULED WITHIN 72 HOURS and shall be played within 7 DAYS OF THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULED DATE. If wither the home team or visiting team cannot supply a suitable field , or agree on a suitable date , the LVCMBL President will be notified and a suitable field will be foud , a date to play the game will be issued. Ant teams not showing up for the rescheduled game are considered a forfeit for that team.

ALL REGULAR SEASON GAME'S MUST BE PLAYED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE LEAGUE PLAYOFF DATE.

- e If a game is postponed because of inclement weather or unfit grounds , home team must notify visitors and umpires at least 2 HOURS prior to game time.
- f **If a game is stopped , at least 30 minutes must elapse before a game can be called.**
By agreement of both managers and umpire , this time may be less.
- g **DELAY - 15 minute grace for all games.**
- h TIE GAMES-In the event a game ends in a tie each team will be awarded one point **each for record purposes , provided the game is official after 4-1/2 innings of play**
- i If a game is started and the game is halted before it is an official and at least one inning has been played / 6 outs recorded , the game will resume from that point of play , and must follow the reschedule rule # 30 (d)

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SCHEDULING CONTINUED

- j Game halted by DARKNESS / WEATHER and once the game is official meaning the completion of 4 and 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead , shall be official. Should the game be called because of darkness / weather before the home team completes their at bat in the inning in which the visiting team goes ahead , the score of the game reverts to the last fully completed inning . Any question about the rules should be referred to the league President who will make a determination as to the final outcome of the game . (20070
- k All game must be completed by Wednesday of the last week of the season , unless it's a rain out from that week , then all games must be completed by Friday at midnight of that week.
If game are not completed then they will be a forfeit two both teams ,
- l NO GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON THE SATURDAY OF THE LEAGUE ALL-STAR-GAME
- m Any games not completed are considered a FORFEIT BY BOTH TEAMS (2012)

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POLICING

- a Each home team is required to police all games

- b Both teams home and visiting are responsible for the actions of their player , and fans.

14 PLAYOFFS

- a The playoff format will be decided by the May meeting .(Jan 2010)

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15 PLAYING RULES

- a The LVCMBL shall be governed by:

**AMERICAN LEAGUE BASEBALL RULES
with the following exceptions**

- b Games will start at 5:45 PM on weeknights untill June 1st .
Games will start at 6:00 PM on weeknights beginning June 1st.
Games on Saturday shall have a start time at the home teams discretion
- c The visiting team will have the field 40 MINUTES prior to the game start time , the visiting team must be off the field at 10 minutes befor game time in order to allow umpire's and home manager or coach to go over ground rules .
Ref : if a game is to start at 6:00 PM the Visiting teams gets the field at 5:20 PM. and must be off the field at 5:50 PM. (Jan. 2006)
- d Home team are required to supply (3) game balls for each game.

16 RE-ENTRY RULE

- a PIAA Re-entry rule is in effect . This rule states that all original starters may be replaced by subs and then the starters may re-enter the game one time. Once replaced , the subs may not re-enter . A started may re-enter without regards to the number of subs that batted in his position since he (THE STARTER) was removed from the game. The starter must re-enter in the same position in the batting order.

- b exception to above rule will be explained in the pitching rules 17-A

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PITCHING

- a **A STARTING Pitcher that is removed form the mound NOT RE-ENTER as a pitcher for the remainder of said game**
- b **The LVCMBL will be following the PIAA Pitching rule , this rule is on pitch count**
 - b-1

	PITCH COUNT	in a given day
b-1	1 to 25 pitches	NO DAYS OF REST NEEDED
	26 to 50 pitches	WILL REQUIRE 1 DAY OF REST
	51 to 75 pitches	WILL REQUIRE 2 DAY 's OF REST
	76 to 100 pitches	WILL REQUIRE 3 DAY 's OF REST
 - b-2 **A pitcher will be allowed a maximum Of 200 pitched in a given week the week shall run from Monday 12:01 am to Sunday 11:59 pm**
 - c **There will be no fake to 3rd base and throw over too 1st base**
 - d **Intentional walks shall be as follows**
the manager of said team that would like to intentionally walk a batter must **inform the umpire of so intention and the umpire will then award 1st base to the batter**
 - e Pitcher warm ups
 - e-1 Pitcher will receive eight (8) pitches to start the game.
 - e-2 Pitcher will receive five (5) pitches thereafter.
 - e-3 A relief pitcher will receive ten (10) pitchers if he has had no time to warm up.
 - e-4 A releif pitcher who has warmed up will receive eight (8) pitches.

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COURTESY RUNNER

- a A courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher if the catcher is on base with 2 outs. Players eligible to courtesy run must not be in the current 9 or 10 man lineup at the time of the use of the courtesy runner. (Jan 2010)
- b **LVCMBL will allow the use of a EH or a DH but both CANNOT be used in the same game.**
- b-1 **The EH will be the 10 th player on the line up card and be permitted to bat anywhere in the line up**
- b-2 **The DH will be in the 9 player line up card and may bat for any defensive player in the game . The name of the player he is batting for shall be listed on the line up card and put at the bottom of the line up card with his position he is playing on the field**
- c if all original defensive players are in the game and an injury occurs , the EH still can play defense , BUT the EH position is then eliminated for that team and they finish with 9 players.
- d EH is just like any other position , and players can be interchanged at positions as long as the lineup order remains the same . (Jan 2003)
- e If a team chooses to play with the EH rule , and the team has only 10 players and a player is injured , the vacated spot is an OUT when the spot comes up in the order when it cannot be filled by another player off the bench. (Nov. 2004)

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PLAYER INJURY

- a This rule will allow the opposing manager or coach to pick a player to finish the game if there are no more eligible players left in the game. A team must complete

a game with 9 players . If a team cannot field 9 players due to injuries , the game is considered a forfeit. (nov 2004)

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SLIDING RULE

- a A runner must slide or surrender himself at any base when the fielder is holding the ball and waiting for the tag. Any player that fails to avoid contact will be called out. If intentional contact is made , the runner will be ejected from the game .

- b NO FAKE TAGS WILL BE ALLOWED . All runners will advance one base for a fake tag. This shall be a continuation call. If all runners reach the next base safely then no call is made. (Jan 2006)

A legal slide can be either feet first or head first . If a runner slides feet first , at least one leg and buttock shall be on the ground . If a runner slides , he must slide within reach of the base with either a hand or foot.

c **A slide is ILLEGAL if ;**

- c-1 The runner uses a rolling , cross-body or pop up slide into the fielder
- c-2 The runners raised leg is higher than the fielders knee when the fielder is in a standing position.
- c-3 The runner goes beyond the base and makes contact with or alters the play of the fielder.
- c-4 The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg
- c-5 The runner tries to injure the fielder

d **Any runner is OUT when he ;**

- d-1 Does not legally slide and causes illegal contact / or illegally alters the actions of the fielder in the immediate act of making a play .
PENALTY - The runner is out , the ball is dead immediately and interference is called . Runners are never required to slide but if a runner elects to slide , the slide must be legal.
- d-2 Does not legally attempt to avoid a fielder in the immediate act of making a play
PENALTY- The runner is out , the ball remains alive unless interference is called.
Jumping , Hurdling and Leaping are all Legal attempts to avoid a fielder as long as the fielder is LYING on the ground.
- d-3 Dives over a fielder
PENALTY - The runner is out , the ball remains alive unless interference occurs .
Diving over the fielder is ILLEGAL

- d-4 Initiates malicious contact . Malicious contact always supersedes obstruction.
THE BASES OF THIS RULE IS " NO HARM - NO FOUL "

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10 RUN MERCY RULE

- a There shall be a 10 run mercy rule , where if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs at any point after 4 1/2 innings , game will be stopped and the home team declared the winner . If the visitors go ahead by 10 or more runs at any point after 5 COMPLETE innings , the home team will be allowed to bat in the bottom of the inning . (Ref. ; if the visiting team goes ahead by 10 runs in the top of the 6th inning , the home team will be allowed to bat in the bottom of the inning (added for 2001) amended 10 runs in 2003

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ALLOWABLE BAT SIZES

- a The maximum allowable diameter of the bat is based on the PIAA Bat rule ; if the bat is found to be illegal after a pitch has been thrown to the batter or after being used , and before the first (1st) pitch to the next batter , the batter using the ILLEGAL bat will be declared OUT by the umpire . Effective with the 2011 season , the PIAA rule for " Composite Bats " will be followed.
- b Any composite bat used in the LVCMBL 2011 and there after that does NOT have the BESR or BBCOR code (silk screened or other permanent certification marks only) Glued on labels with the BESR code is NOT AUTHORIZED and thus the bat is not considered to be LEGAL.
- c Beginning in 2012 The current PIAA ruling states that the composite bats must have the permanent mark of the BBCOR code on the bat to be considered legal. (May 2011)
- d Wood bats are ALLOWED

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FIRST AID KITS

- a First aid kits are required to be carried by each team . (Jan. 2010)

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HELMENTS

- a All adult coaches are required to wear helmets when in the position as coaches on the playing field . Standard approved Skull Caps (no ear flaps) are acceptable .
THERE IS NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE if the coach does not have a helmet on there will be a warning to that manager or coach , if it occurs the 2nd time that manager or coach will be EJECTED from the game.

- b If a player is coaching on the base paths they must have a double ear flap helmet on.

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NO TOBACCO RULE

- a The issue of any form of tobacco , cigarettes , chew , and E-cigarettes by any player , manager , or coach while on the field or on the property of the field being played on is PROHIBITED .
- b Any violation of this rule will cause the player , manager or coach's to be ejected from the game and must abide by rule # 8 on page # 5.
- c For the purpose of this rule , dugouts , bullpens , outside the field area will be considered part of the playing field.
THERE WILL BE NO WARNINGS ON THIS RULE !

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NO JEWELRY RULE

- a No player may wear jewelry on the playing field. If a player has jewelry on he will be ejected from the game . MEDICAL ALERT MEDALLIONS and RELIGIOUS MEDALLIONS are an exception to this rule , HOWEVER they must be taped and concealed inside the uniform . If it does not remain concealed by the uniform the umpire will check to see if it was taped .If it was not taped , the player will be EJECTED . If it was taped and did not remain concealed , the player will receive a warning . If it becomes visible again the umpire will eject the player for the remainder of the game . Rubber bands , rubber bracelets are considered jewelry and are governed by this rule . (Jan 2006)

- a An umpire association , chosen and approved by the league Board of Directors will assign the umpires . There will be two (2) umpires assigned to every game.
- b The umpire service must be notified at least 2 hours before game time to cancel a game without incurring any umpire fees. If the umpires are not called within 2 hours of game time , they have the right to charge a pre-negotiated fee.
- c It is the responsibility of the home team to notify the umpire service of postponed games.
- d If an umpire(s) fails to show for the game , the home team does not lose by forfeit . If there are two umpires scheduled and one is present , the game is to be played with only one umpire.
- e **If there is not at least one " official " umpire present the managers together must contact the league President before determining the fate of the game.**
- f All officials must be approved and certified by the LVCM League.
- g Umpire fees are negotiable each year.
- h Fee for unofficial games , rain etc. determined in the umpire contract.
- i Show up fee for umpires that report to field and field is unfit to play , if not notified before game time is determined in the umpire contract.
- j Forfeit carries full fees to both umpires.
- k All umpires must have a Connie Mack Patch on the uniform

Mr. Greald A. Hostelley
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Re; Connie Mack Youth Program

Dear Mr. Hostelley

This is to authorize your organization to use the name of Connie Mack in the promotion of the Connie Mack Youth Program . It will also give you the authorization to use the name on official baseballs , etc. that you may need and see fit to grant such authorization to manufacturers of athletic equipment in the interest of youngsters.

Wishing you and the Connie Mack Youth Program continued success , I am

Sincerely yours,

THE WM. H. REYNOLDS COMPANY

Connie Mack Jr.

Connie Mack , Jr.

SPORTSMANSHIP PLEDGE

It shall be the duty if the team Manager or Coach to instruct his team before participation in any game the constituting a part of this program , in the PLEDGE OF SPORTSMANSHIP and require that both the Home and Visiting teams repeat it in unison while standing at their respective foul lines prior to each game. (THIS MUST BE ENFORCED)

**I PLEDGE MYSELF UPON MY HONOR
TO BE LOYAL TO MY GOD
TO MY CHURCH**

TO MY COUNTRY

I PLEDGE MY SELF TO CLEAN LIVING AND SPEECH

**I SHALL WORK AND PRAY TO BE IN ALL THINGS
IN THE WORDS OF ARE FATHER**

A GENEROUS VICTOR AND A GRACIOUS LOSER

CONNIE MACK YOUTH PROGRAM , INC.

The Board of directors of Connie Mack Youth Baseball , Inc. decided to honor a gentleman who has given the game of baseball the highest possible position in the minds and hearts of America . Therefore with the permission of this great friend and his family , who authorized the renaming of this great youth project , thereby will perpetuate his name . Henceforth Knee-Hi shall be known as THE CONNIE MACK YOUTH PROGRAM , INC.

President Eisenhower in paying tribute to Connie Mack said " Connie Mack " long will be remembered for his inspiration to American Youth in the most American of sports . For decades , Connie Mack has typified to the American people sportsmanship of the highest order.