

**Corn Belt
“C” Ball
RULES
2022**

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2022 Corn Belt "C" Rules Transition League Volume X, March 14, 2022 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 2022 is \$100 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of Major League Baseball and Pony Baseball Rule book, Little League Rule Book and Corn Belt "A" League and shall be superseded by specific rules within our own league as described herein.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 thereof decides.
- B. Game days for 2021 are Thursday 6:00pm & **Saturdays 10:00am**

4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. All boys and girls that are in first and second grade, but no older than 8 by May 1, 2022

5. ROSTERS

- A. No Rosters are required

6. LINEUPS/BATTING AND PLAY

- A. All team members present will bat (ex. if there is 13 players available, all 13 will bat before the lead off 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. 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 last pitch, he gets another pitch. This continues until the batter swings and misses at a pitch (**started New for 2022**)
- 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 to one inning per game or 50 pitches maximum. One pitch is considered one (1) inning. (See Pitching rule)
- K. The coach/pitcher must pitch from the rubber (34 Feet), in a standing position, 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 6 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)
- N. A bat shall not be more than thirty-three (33) inches in length nor more than two and five/eights(2 5/8") inches in diameter.
- 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

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- B. **The catcher shall have access to a bucket of balls, instead of chasing every Pitch not caught. Coaches are encourage to put a Fielding backstop behind the catcher to help stop overthrown Pitches.**

9. GAME TIME AND FORFEITS

- A. All game times for weekday games are 6:00pm, Saturdays games will begin at 10:00am
- B. Less than 8 players will result in a forfeit.
- C. All Games are 6 innings or 1-1/2 hours, which ever comes first. No new inning can start after 1-1/2 hours. Three outs or seven runs will end an inning.

9. UMPIRES

- A. **No Umpires needed, except for Tournament and All-Star Game (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 (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 past 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. except Final 4 Games will be played in a host city. In 2022 it will be in Sandwich.
- D. Individual Trophies will be present to the final four teams

15. All-Star Game

- A. Information to be announced (TBA)

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

Recommended fielding

