

CONEMAUGH VALLEY YOUTH LEAGUE 8 & UNDER 2023 TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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TOURNAMENT PRELIMINARIES

(Check – In)

1. It is requested that you email or mail a copy of your roster with your registration fee prior to the tournament. Birth certificates shall be presented to one of the Tournament Directors at check in before your first game. We will keep a copy of your roster only. We will also need the name of a contact person and phone number for each team.
2. Your home league insurance information is required to enter our tournament. Please provide a copy of your insurance certificate with CVYL field listed as a covered field.
3. Home teams are determined by a coin toss for pool play games. Furthest team to travel will call the toss. A coin toss will be held by a tournament official between representatives from each team 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the game. The top seeded team in the bracket play will be the home team in elimination games.
4. The top team on the bracket shall be given the batting cage and the bottom team on the bracket shall have access to the T-Ball field for fielding practice 25 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the game.
5. Each team should provide a lineup to the press box 10 minutes prior to the start of the game. Revisions concerning no shows can be made up until starting time.
6. Girls are only to be on one roster. Teams are limited to 15 players.
7. Adult personnel permitted in the dugout shall be limited to: one manager, three coaches, and one scorekeeper. All coaches must be over the age of 16.
8. Only team coaches and rostered team players are permitted in the dugout area.
9. No game shall continue past the 10 o'clock curfew.
10. Seeding and tiebreaker determiners:
 - a. Record
 - b. Head to Head
 - c. Runs Allowed in total pool play games
 - d. Runs Scored in total pool play games
 - e. Coin Toss

GROUND RULES – MAIN FIELD

1. Unless marked otherwise, all live-ball territory shall terminate on a line that directly connects the opposing sides of any opening in the fence.
2. A ball that becomes lodged behind anything that is attached to the inside of the fence shall be declared dead.

PLAYING RULES

1. Once the game begins, the umpires of that game are in complete and total control. Umpire's judgment is final. **Only the head coach/manager shall speak with the umpire about concerns.**
2. Games will utilize one umpire. Championship game will utilize two umpires.
3. The score will be kept in each game, each team will keep a scorebook.
4. Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. Please stay off of the infield during warm ups.
5. Games length is 60 minutes or 6 innings for pool play. No new inning will begin after 60 minutes of pool play games. Once an inning is started it must be finished. No tie-breaker in pool play games. The umpire will announce the official start time at the first pitch. Please keep games moving. Please make decisions on injured players in a reasonable amount of time.
6. The international tie-breaker will be used in elimination games after 60 minutes of play. There is no time limit in any championship game unless weather delays or darkness are factors. The international tie- breaker will only apply after 6 innings in the championship game.
7. Mercy rules are 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings.
8. Cheer for your team only. Cheering should not be distracting, unsportsmanlike or disrespectful. No cheering is to be directed at any opposing player or position.
9. Interference and obstruction will be called. Infield Fly will not be called.
10. Games will be played with an 11" soft compression softball.
11. A 30' pitching distance will be used.
12. Each at bat will end with the batter striking out or putting the ball into play
 - a. A batter will receive no more than 8 pitches from an adult coach
 - b. Only swinging will count as strikes. 3 strikes and the player is out.
 - c. No walks are allowed
 - d. If the final pitch is a foul ball, the at-bat will continue.
 - e. Teams will bat their entire roster
13. Each team shall have no more than 3 coaches in the field on offense – pitcher, 1st base, and 3rd base
14. Teams may use up to 2 coaches in the field on defense, and must be stationed in the outfield grass.
15. Each team will have 9 fielders and a coach from the defensive team will act as catcher for that team. Defensive positioning is one pitcher, 4 infielders, and 4 outfielders.
 - a. Pitchers must start with one foot in the dirt circle, and behind the 30' pitching rubber.
 - b. Outfielders must start with both feet in the outfield grass.
 - c. Plays at the plate:
 - i. The throw must be within the outside edges of the batter's box, catchable, and must pass the plate before the advancing runner. (If a coach has to jump to make the catch, the throw will be deemed uncatchable, and the run will score.) Balls may bounce prior to going over the plate. There is no need to tag the runner, even on an errant throw.
16. This tournament will utilize a midway line between third base and home plate. Runners who cross this line will be committed to home and any play made on her is a force play, subject to the guidelines above.
17. All players must play a minimum of 2 innings in the field on defense.
18. Each batter will get no more than a single if the ball stays in the infield.
 - a. All runners will be permitted to advance one base on an infield hit, even if they are not forced to do so.

- b. No extra bases will be awarded for an overthrow, even if the ball goes out of play.
Runners may not attempt to advance on an overthrow.
- 19. Base runners may continue for extra bases on any hit into the outfield grass.
- 20. A base runner will be held at the base he/she is advancing to once the ball is released from the outfielder. The throw does not have to be accurate to end the play.
 - a. Once a throw is made from the outfield, the umpire shall raise his/her hand.
 - b. The throw from the outfield is still live, and a runner can be put out while advancing.
- 21. Steals will not be allowed
 - a. Base runners must not leave their base until the ball is put into play. Players will be given a warning on first offense and an out on any further offenses.
- 22. Each inning will consist of 3 outs, or 5 runs.
- 23. Warm up balls will be allowed to be used on the field only during the first inning.
- 24. No swinging of bats or throwing balls in the dugouts. All players are expected to remain in the dugout area to keep the game moving.
- 25. Face Masks are required for players playing the pitcher. All other players are recommended, but not required.
- 26. When rules are not listed here, USA softball rules will be followed.

Scheduling Disclaimers

It may be necessary to reduce the game guarantee due to inclement weather.

The following actions will be taken due to inclement weather.

- All games started will be completed. (If home team is winning after 3-1/2 innings, game is considered complete, 4 innings if home team is losing)
- Time limits will be reduced in order to try to get all games completed.
- If all pool play games cannot be completed then the tournament director will make an effort to make sure all teams play an equal amount of games.
- No pool play games will extend into Sunday. Brackets will be determined by the "Seeding and tiebreaker determiners" from above.

The tournament is for fun and a way to keep our girls playing past the regular season. Please remain positive and encouraging to the players, and respectful to the other coaches and umpires!

Conemaugh Valley Youth League/ East Conemaugh Borough Park Regulations

Parking

Parking for the main field is available along both sides of State Rt. 271. Parking in the concession stand lot is for CVYL officials only.

No CVYL parking beyond the orange cone on the dead end of Second Street. Parking for the Tee-Ball Field is available along both sides of Oak and First Streets. Parking in the Dollar General parking lot is prohibited.

Pets

There are no dogs allowed on the field complex property. East Conemaugh ordinance# 13.1

Tobacco and alcohol products, other

Smoking, tobacco products, vaping and alcohol are not permitted on the field complex property. East Conemaugh ordinance# 13.1

Designated smoking sections are located in the concession stand alley and Citron Alley behind the outfield.

Due to safety concerns, no grills are permitted in the field complex.

Fan Behavior

CVYL follows the Little League Zero Tolerance Policy and will not tolerate any disrespect to any player, coach, umpire, league official, or other spectators.

Fans that violate this policy are subject to ejection from the field complex.

On behalf of the Conemaugh Valley Youth League, thank you for your participation in this year's tournament. Play hard, have fun and good luck to all the participating teams

**THE CONEMAUGH VALLEY YOUTH LEAGUE SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE
FOR ANY INJURIES OCCURING ON OR OFF THE BALLFIELD**