**Little League Misconceptions**

1. Adults are not permitted to Warm-Up pitchers (Safety/Development)
   1. Not in the bullpen
   2. Not pre-game
   3. Not behind the dugout
   4. Not between innings
   5. Not squatting or standing
2. Maximum of 3 Coaches permitted in the dugout (4 in Machine Pitch)
   1. No other adults are allowed in the dugout
3. Catcher Requirements
   1. Must have a dangling throat guard
   2. Must have Mask and Catcher’s mitt to warm up a pitcher
   3. Must always use a catcher’s mitt (regular mitt or 1B mitt are not allowed)
4. A First Baseman’s mitt is not permitted to be used at any position except 1B.
5. No Jewelry is permitted of any kind
   1. Exception: Medical Alert jewelry
6. On Deck Batters are not permitted in any division below Juniors
   1. All players must remain in the dugout with the gate closed
7. Courtesy runners are not permitted
   1. Special Pinch Runners are permitted in tournaments
8. Pitchers may wear sunglasses if deemed not to be distracting by umpire
   1. Typically, mirrored sunglasses are considered distracting and not permitted
9. Infield Fly Rule is always in effect
   1. This is different from saying it will be called. Calling Infield Fly presumes “reasonable effort” which at some levels may never be the case
10. Throwing the bat is NOT an out. It is the discretion of the umpire to use warnings or ejections to address the issue.
11. You cannot slide head first when advancing to a base. You may return to a base head first.
    1. A “trip” or “stumble” forward is not “sliding” head first
12. There is no “MUST SLIDE” rule. You are required to either “avoid” contact or “go to ground”. You can choose to go into a bag standing up as long as you avoid contact.
13. Intentionally hitting batters is illegal and can result in ejection, but there is no “limit” to the number of batters a pitcher may hit.
14. It is legal for a batter to fake a bunt and then swing away per LL rules (but WLL rules prohibit it).
15. Hands are NOT part of the bat.
16. Batting donuts are not permitted
17. A player can only catch 3 innings and still pitch. Once he catches 1 pitch of a 4th inning, he is ineligible to pitch.