

Rules for Little League Baseball

1. All players will be in the batting order.
2. All players must play a minimum of 2 innings in the field.
3. No lead offs, runner may leave after the ball passes the batter. 1st offense-warning, 2nd offense-automatic out.
4. Little league baseball approved bats only.
5. No protests.
6. May steal home plate.
7. A team must have a minimum of 8 players to start a game. Any roster player who arrives after the start of the game will be inserted at the end of the batting order and may play defense in the next full half inning.
8. Any team not having a minimum of 8 players 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time shall forfeit.
9. Substitute players may not play ahead of any roster player.
10. There will be no head first sliding at any base, except trying to get back to original base to prevent being thrown out.
11. Substitute player may be called up from minor league baseball.
12. If being played on, runner must slide to prevent any collision, if no play; runner does not have to slide.
13. Fielders/catchers may not block the bases/plate without having control of the ball. Doing so will constitute obstruction and will result in the base runner being awarded the base/plate.
14. All base runners/batters on-deck hitters must wear a helmet at all times.
15. There shall be NO taunting, profanity, tobacco, throwing of equipment, excessive arguing with the umpire, opposing players or coaches, or fans. Violations may result in ejection.
16. Anyone ejected from the game will be suspended for the next scheduled game. A second ejection shall result in suspension for the balance of the season including tournament play.
17. Any game stopped for weather will be considered a suspended game and will be finished at a later date, unless 4 innings have been played which will be considered a complete game.
18. Postponed/suspended games shall be rescheduled by the league. Rescheduling may include Saturdays and may only be changed by the league scheduler.
19. The infield fly rule is in effect.
20. NO appeals, the umpire will make the call.
21. A pitcher may pitch no more than 7 innings per week. 1 pitch = 1 inning
22. Any pitcher may be returned to the mound 1 time during a game.
23. Pitchers initial warm-up will be 8 pitches, all subsequent innings will be 5 pitches.
24. A coach may visit a pitcher once per inning, second visit, must pull pitcher.
25. The mercy rule will be 15 after 4 innings or 10 after 5 innings.
26. An inning will end when 3 outs are recorded or everybody bats.
27. All records of every game and stats should be turned into the Rec. Dir. Or Asst. Director after every game. Records and stats will be posted in the newspaper.
28. All games will play until finished, unless called for lightning or lighting concerns, or the designated time in Jackson of 10:00pm.
29. If a storm approaches, a game will be called for lightning.
30. Infield warm-ups will be authorized only by the umpire.
31. Time limits 1 1/2 hours until school is out. Cannot start a new inning after 1 hour and 15 minutes.