Local Rules – Effective Spring 2023

Little League (Majors) Division

The 2023 Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations will govern all play not covered below.

Batting Line-up

- During the regular season, teams may choose to use a nine (9) player batting order following substitution rules outlined in the Little League rules, or a continuous line-up. This determination must be announced at the plate conference.

Note 1: A nine (9) player batting order must be used for all post-season games.
Note 2: All mandatory play requirements must be met regardless of batting line-up employed.

Mandatory Play

- Game may start with eight (8) players. Note that this is the exception and not the rule. Teams who will be at roster sizes of 10 and below for a given game should use pool players as first option. When starting with 8 players an out is called for 9th player.

The Batter

- The dropped third strike rule will be employed for all games. A player may attempt to advance to first base on a dropped third strike when first base is unoccupied with less than two (2) outs, or in any situation with two (2) outs. Rule 6.05(b) (2).

Courtesy Runners

- A courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher or catcher of record when those players are on base with 2 outs recorded in the inning. The courtesy runner is the player who made the last out in the inning.

Starting and Ending the Game

- For purposes of time limits, the game immediately starts at the conclusion of the plate conference.
- No new inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes.
- The game will end and there will be no pitch after 2 hours and 15 minutes.
- An inning begins immediately upon the end of the preceding inning. Play should begin within two (2) minutes after the start of the inning.
- All non-regulation games or tie games that are stopped due to the time limit will be resumed. [Rules 4.10(d), 4.11(e), 4.12].
- There will be no time limit in playoff games.