**AA Level**

* Ages 6 to maximum age 10.
* Teams should participate in minimum of two baseball events  (practice or game) per week.
* 5 Innings or 90 minutes **(games and practices should never exceed 1.5 hours**).
* Required use of RIF-5 ball.
* No walks, no stealing, no leading, no bunting, no strikeouts.
* 3 swings (including fouls) prior to use of T. The T must be  used and should be described as a learning tool to enhance  the skill set of the batter.
* 3 outs comprise a half inning.
* Fielders play baseball positions with no player on mound.
* Coaches (and only coaches) pitch. Coaches should pitch from their knees in order to keep the ball at eye level of the batter. **Coaches should not pitch from the mound but half way between home plate and the pitching mound just in front of the mound**.
* Lineup comprised of all players and must bat in order (continuous batting order); late arrivals are added to end of lineup.
* 8 positional fielders – no catcher - remaining positional players must play traditional fielding positions. The 8th position is deemed the pitching position. That player should stand behind the pitching coach on the mound.
* Subs may occur freely.
* On fields with backstop, a ball is considered a “dead ball” and play is stopped when the ball passes through an imaginary line running from the ends of the backstop, parallel with the baselines to the outfield fence or to where the field is considered to end. On a throwing error the runner is awarded one base in this instance, without liability to be put out.
* **Sliding** isto be done feet-first when advancing to a base. Head first slides are legal only when a runner is returning to a base. When a fielder has the ball and is waiting to make a play, a runner must slide OR attempt to get around the tag. This is a Little League rule that applies to all divisions of play. [**Rule 7.08(a)(3)(4)]**
* In general, no replacements will be granted
* AA teams will be chosen by whatever method the managers,  Director of Coaching and Player Agent select.

**Managers and Coach Requirements:**

* Managers and Coaches are expected to take the CPR course, Double Goal Certificate, and attend Big Al’s seminar each year.

**Field Conditions for Start of Game [Rule 3.10]**

As per Little League rules team managers shall agree on the fitness of the playing field one hour prior to the start of the game at those times when inclement weather has resulted in a wet field or under any circumstances when standing water is present at the game site. If the managers cannot agree a decision will be made by the VP of the appropriate division; in the event he/she is not readily available the decision will be made in order of immediate availability by: president, umpire-in-chief, field coordinator, safety officer, player agent, any remaining board member not serving as a coach or manager in that division. The overriding concern regarding field conditions shall be the safety of the playing environment for the players. No game shall be started until all standing water has been removed or absorbed on the playing field.

**Field Preparation for Each Game**

It shall be the responsibility of the home team to prepare the field for play prior to the game and to close the field at the end of the game. Field work includes placing and removing the bases; lining the foul lines and batter’s box; raking the pitcher’s mound, home plate area, and infield dirt; placing and removing street barriers; and assuring that each team has cleaned and swept out their dugout. Accountability for proper and timely fieldwork lies at all times with the team manager or in his/her absence, the coach/parent acting as team manager.

**Safety Rules**

* Only players, managers, coaches, and umpires are permitted on the playing field during play.
* All players must be on their benches in their dugouts, except the batter, base runners, base coaches, and defensive players.
* Batters, base runners, and player base coaches must wear helmets during games.
* Catchers must wear catcher’s helmets with throat guards, chest protector, shin guards and a protective cup (males).
* To warm up a pitcher catcher’s must wear a catcher’s helmet with a throat guard.
* No “horse play” is permitted.
* No watches, rings, pins, jewelry, or casts (except Medic Alert ID’s).
* No head first slides except when returning to a base.
* No on deck batters except the first batter of an inning.
* No player may handle a bat until his/her time at bat.