

A Division League Rules

Stamford National Little League

General

1. No inning can start 1 hour 30 minutes after start of game.
2. If time allows, game is 6 innings.
3. Score will not be kept.
4. For Scalzi Park: Home Team is in 3rd Base Dugout.
For Frank Noto Field and other fields: Home Team is in 1st Base Dugout.
5. Coaches exchange lineups prior to the start of the game. The use of lineup cards is optional.
6. Players and coaches shake hands at the end of the game.
7. 4 Coaches are allowed to help improve the tempo of game and promote teaching.

In the Field

1. Defense consists of 10 Players - Pitcher, Catcher, 1st Base, 2nd Base, 3rd Base, Shortstop, 4 outfielders.
2. Players must play 3 innings in the field, if not they must start next game.
3. Play stops after the ball has reached the infield; Runner less than halfway towards next base is returned to prior base. A runner halfway or more to next base is awarded the next base.
4. Always use a catcher, forego an outfield position if necessary -- it develops players and overcomes fear of the ball.

At Bat

1. All players BAT in a continuous order, which is kept and

- followed. Teams may bat a maximum of 1 time through the order per inning only.
2. All players must wear helmets with face guards/shields when batting.
 3. Bunting is allowed.
 4. There are no “called strikes.” The batter may be called out after 3 swinging strikes – including foul tips. The 3rd strike must be a swing/miss as per normal baseball rules.
 5. Players continue to bat until 3 outs are achieved or everyone bats in the inning.
 6. NO stealing.
 7. No advancement on passed balls.
 8. Only 1 base is awarded on overthrows.
 9. When batting, Coach 1 pitches, Coach 2 organizes the bench/batters, and Coaches 3 and 4 shall man the 1st and 3rd base coaching boxes.
 10. Games are for playing, practice is for teaching, so limit at bats to 3 strikes. An at bat shall not continue until a player makes contact.

Coaches’ Responsibilities

1. Manager and 3 coaches max in the dugout.
2. 2 Defensive coaches on the field and 1 Defensive Coach positioned behind the catcher.
3. 1 Offensive coach to pitch, 2 additional Offensive coaches to coach 1st/3rd.
4. 1st base coach backs up throws to 1st base.
5. 3rd base coach coaches batters and runners.
6. Bench coach keeps order in the dugout.

Bench coach keeps batting order moving by having players ready to bat. No player should handle a bat before coming

to the batter's box to hit.

General Comments

- Promote sportsmanship! Cheer for good plays by BOTH TEAMS.
- Use positive reinforcement only.