

2016 SMITHVILLE 9-10 LEAGUE RULES

Little League rules will remain the same except for the following additions, exceptions and clarifications:

1. The maximum age for players is 10 years old before May 1st of the current year. The minimum age will be 9 years old before May 1st of the current year. All exceptions must be approved by the Board of Directors.
2. Each game will consist of 6 innings or 1:45 time limit whichever comes first. No new inning will start after the 1:45 time limit. There will be no extra innings; a tie will end as a tie. Exception will be for season ending tournament.
3. All warm ups must be completed before the scheduled start time. The second game is to start as scheduled or immediately after the first game is completed. If second game is past its scheduled start time, then no on-field warm ups will be permitted.
4. Each team will bat their entire roster. Batting orders will be exchanged between teams prior to the start of the game. Each roster must include first, last name and uniform number.
5. Fill in Players – Regular Season:
If before any regular season game a team is unable to field a full team of 9 players a maximum of two fill-in players may be used according to the following:
 - No fill-in players are allowed for the 5-6 league or the 7-8 league during season or tournament.
 - Forfeit rules apply for teams with less than 7 players. Teams can only use fill-in players to get team back to 9 having 7 of the original players.
 - A fill-in player must be league age 10 to fill in for the 11-13 league and league age 8 to fill in for the 9-10 league.
 - A fill-in player may play outfield only. No infield position or pitching will be allowed for any reason.
 - A fill-in Player must bat last.
 - Once the game begins and a team is down a player, no fill-in player can be added. The only exception to this rule is when a roster player shows up late to the game but before the 5th inning. That player will then be allowed to join the game and is added to the end of the batting lineup.
 - If a team with a fill-in player(s) (which makes up 9 players) has a roster player show up late to the game, but before the 5th inning, the result is the roster player being added to the lineup and fill-in player removed from game so as not to go over 9 players.
 - A board member on duty will handle any issues regarding fill-in players before the game. If an issue cannot be resolved before start of game, no fill-in player will be allowed to join that game.

Fill in Player – Tournament:

If before any tournament game a team is unable to field a full team of 9 players a maximum of two fill-in players from a designated list may be used according to the following:

- League season fill-in rules do not apply to tournament for picking up any player to play.
- League Manager will create a list of players throughout the season of eligible players. Teams will then work with league manager to assign fill-in players to teams with parent permission. Those players will only be allowed to fill in for one team only during tournament.
- Forfeit rules apply for teams with less than 7 players. Teams can only use fill-in players to get team back to 9 having 7 of the original players.

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- A fill-in player may play outfield only. No infield position or pitching will be allowed for any reason.
- A fill-in Player must bat last.
- Fill in player for tournament must play in their division game if it coincides with team they would fill in for. No exception.
- Once the game begins and a team is down a player, no fill-in player can be added. The only exception to this rule is when a roster player shows up late to the game but before the 5th inning. That player will then be allowed to join the game and is added to the end of the batting lineup.
- If a team with a fill-in player(s) (which makes up 9 players) has a roster player show up late to the game, but before the 5th inning, the result is the roster player being added to the lineup and fill-in player removed from game so as not to go over 9 players.
- A board member on duty will handle any issues regarding fill-in players before the game. If an issue cannot be resolved before start of game, no fill-in player will be allowed to join that game.

If by the scheduled start time of the regular season or tournament game (no game will be delayed awaiting a fill-in) a fill-in player is not available or is not present then based on a 9 player batting roster, a team with 8 players will take an automatic out in the 9th spot of the batting order. Teams with 7 players must take an automatic out in the 8th and 9th spot of the batting order. Any team fielding less than 7 players will automatically forfeit the game.

6. A game which is stopped due to weather conditions after 4 complete innings (3 1/2 if the home team is ahead) will be considered a complete game; games stopped before 4 complete innings will be started over at a later date.
7. Mercy Rule: If either team is ahead by 10 or more runs after 4 complete innings the team with the least runs shall concede the win to the opponent and the game will be complete.
8. Except for injury there will be no pinch runners allowed. In case of injury the pinch runner will be the last batted out.
9. There will be NO protested games. All disputes will be resolved on the spot by the umpire(s) and/or league officials.
10. Home team will keep the official scorebook. Scores will be compared at the end of each inning and any discrepancy in the score will be settled by the home plate umpire before the game resumes.
11. Smoking and the use of chewing tobacco is prohibited inside the dugout and on the playing field.
12. Any player who misses two consecutive practices or two consecutive games without the parent making prior arrangements with the head coach can be suspended from the next game, The coach must inform the umpire(s) and the opposing coach of this prior to the start of the game.
13. Both the visiting team and the home team will be responsible for the cleaning up of their dugout, stands and surrounding area at the completion of their game.

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14. Positions:

Each full team will field the following positions:

- Pitcher
- Catcher – must wear full catchers gear.
- 1st Base
- 2nd Base
- 3rd Base
- Shortstop
- Outfield – LF, CF, RF.

Players must start each play in a standard baseball position (no shifts).

A team with less than 9 players at any point during the game must fill the pitcher and catcher positions. All other positions will be optional.

15. Any live ball that leaves the field of play (outside fence, inside dugout) base runners will be awarded one extra base.

16. Regular Season Standings and Tie Breakers:

- Season Win-Loss-Tie percentage
- Head to Head
- Season fewest runs allowed. Through first equal amount of games played.

9-10 League Specific Rules

17. No player shall sit out more than two complete defensive innings per game.

18. Runners may not leave any base until the ball crosses home plate. There will be one team warning per game. After one warning the base runner will be called out.

19. Pitching - No player may pitch more than 3 innings per game, 6 innings per week (Monday-Friday). Saturday-Sunday makeup games and tournament games will be considered as one week (3 per game, 6 per week).

20. The Smithville Board of Directors has the right to change any rule during the season which it feels will be in the best interest of all the teams participating in the league.