

Golden Gate American Little League
Minor B Division Ground Rules
Fall 2013

1. Games will last no longer than 1 hour and 15 minutes. Games must start on time.
2. Coach pitch only, to start the season. Use discretion in the number of pitches to a player. Players may pitch, so work on pitching skills during the clinics.
 - a. Pitchers in this division may not throw more than 50 pitches in one day.
 - b. A batter can strike out on 3 missed swings and a 'called' 3rd strike by the coach. A hitter may advance to 1st on 4 balls.
 - c. Players 'hit by a pitch' will advance to 1st base.
 - d. No 9 year olds or older (League age) may pitch in Minor B.
3. "Five run rule" per inning. To end an inning, there could be 5 runs scored, three outs, or all players have batted, whichever comes first.
4. Infield hits are limited to one base. Outfield hits are limited to two bases. The 'outfield' is defined as the area past the line between bases, not the outfield grass.
5. Home team keeps the official scorebook and pitch count sheet for both teams. Visitors run the scoreboard.
6. Ten players may play defensively at a time, and there is free substitution. Try to rotate positions between innings to minimize delays. There is a 'continuous' batting order. All players stay in the batting order, regardless of defensive play.
7. There are no stealing bases.
8. Players may advance one base on an overthrow. Limiting advancement on overthrows will help maintain control of the game, while keeping all teams competitive.
9. The Coach calls pitches and calls field plays when his/her team is batting.
10. Pitching distance is 46 feet from home plate to the mound.
11. One Board approved coach must be in the dugout at all times. Only the Board approved manager and the two coaches are allowed in the dugout or on the field for the team. Only two base coaches are allowed on the field when the team is batting. Two defensive coaches are allowed on the field to assist players with positioning and situations. Coaches must take a position that does not interfere during play. Taking a position towards the outfield grass is suggested.
Parents and siblings of players must remain outside the dugout.
12. Keep control of the game, your players, coaches and parents. There is a zero tolerance for any misconduct on or off the field. Treat all with respect and make sure the kids have fun while still being competitive.
13. **Communication between fans and parents with the coaches and players is strictly prohibited. Ensure all "coaching" comes from the coaching staff. If coaching from behind the fence is occurring, suggest that a volunteer form be submitted. Communicate with your players regarding listening only to coaches while on the field and in the dugout.**