

2014 AA Minors Playing Rules

Mystic Little League Minors Divisions are **INSTRUCTIONAL** divisions designed for learning, participation, teamwork, sportsmanship and most of all **FUN!** Make it so that the kids will want to play little league ball next week, next year and in the years to follow.

1. All Little League rules apply unless stated otherwise below.
2. Length of Games: Games should last about 1hr 30min. Aim for 3-4 innings.
3. All players will play equal amounts of time over the course of the season. All players take equal turns sitting out defensively.
4. Coaches pitch only for the entire season. There are no strikeouts and no walks in Coaches pitch.
5. During coach pitch there will be a maximum of 6 hittable pitches thrown. **Soft toss or a T MUST be used at that point.** After the first round of games (halfway), teams may agree to use the tournament rules where the batter will be called out after 4 swinging strikes but cannot be called out on a foul ball unless it is caught. The entire lineup must still bat, even if there are 3 outs, before switching sides.
6. Bunting is not allowed in AA.
7. During Coaches Pitch each team will bat through the order once before "switching sides." Outs are counted, but the inning lasts until each player has batted. Bases are cleared of runners after three outs and after six outs. The last batter plays by the same rules as the others (i.e. No clearing the bases)
8. Base running: No advance on overthrows. Runners can take extra bases on balls hit into the outfield. They should be held up once the ball is returned to the infield. Runners between bases when the ball is returned can continue to the next base.
9. There is no leading and no stealing and no advancing on past balls.
10. Players must slide or avoid contact when running into a close play at a base (except 1st base).
11. 6 infielders only. Extra outfielders are allowed but must remain in the outfield. Outfielders must be on the outfield grass.
12. Safety rules:
 - a) If the batter throws the bat, he or she should be cautioned or called out.
 - b) All batters, runners, and kids coaching bases must wear helmets.
 - c) Catchers **must** wear full catcher's gear.
 - d) Boys must wear protective cups.
 - e) Players are required to stay behind the backstop fences while waiting to bat.
 - f) There are to be **NO** warm up swings for the batter either at any time. Only the active batter may hold a bat. There are **NO** on deck batters.
11. One or more coaches from each team are encouraged to be on the field with the players to guide and help them. A volunteer form must be filled out and submitted to the league for anyone doing so.