

*** Little League VA District 4+ ***

Fall Ball Local Rules

- 1- Structure: The program will be divided into two (2) levels. A majors division and a minors (AAA) division. The season will be played from September to late October or early November, depending on league preference.
- 2- League Age:
 - A) All players League Age 7-12 will be eligible to participate in the program.
 - B) The majors division will be comprised of League Age 9-12 year olds that played in the majors and AAA the prior spring.
 - C) The minors division will be comprised of League Age 7-12 year olds that played in the AAA, AA, and A levels the prior spring.
- 3- Player Participation:
 - A) Every team roster player will play defensively in at least half of the innings played.
 - B) Each team will bat in a continuous batting order.
- 4- Pitching:
 - A) During the fall season, a pitcher is considered the same league age as they were during the previous spring season, even if their chronological age is older.
 - B) In the majors and minors division, no player league age 12 (from previous spring season) will be allowed to pitch or catch.
 - C) Pitchers will be allowed to pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game.
 - D) All other Little League pitching rules (pitch counts, days rest, etc.) apply to the fall season.
- 5- Batting: The following rules apply to games governed by the use of a continuous batting order:
 - A) If a batter is injured and cannot complete his/her turn at bat, the on deck batter shall assume the count of the injured batter and complete the turn at bat. If the injured player is removed from the game, his/her place in the batting order shall be skipped without penalty to the team at bat.
 - B) If a base runner is injured and cannot continue, the previous player to have been put out shall take the place of the injured base runner. If the injured player is removed from the game, his/her place in the batting order shall be skipped without penalty to the team at bat.
 - C) If a fielder is injured and cannot continue, a substitute player shall replace the injured player in the field. If the injured player is removed from the game, his/her place in the batting order shall be skipped without penalty to the team at bat.
 - D) If a player is disqualified from the game by an umpire for disciplinary reasons, a substitute player shall replace the disqualified player in the field. An out shall be awarded to the defensive team each time the disqualified player was to bat. The disqualified player must be removed from the dugout and the manager of this player must report the incident to his/her league President.
- 6- Rules for teams that CANNOT field nine players:

- A) The manager of a shorthanded team shall make arrangements with the fall ball/level coordinator and the manager of another team within their home league to borrow a player to fill out his roster in order that the game may be played as scheduled. The borrowed player shall not play the position of pitcher or catcher. The borrowed player shall not play defensively any more innings than any other available substitute. The replacement player MUST be from the same level or the next lower level.
 - B) If one team has more than nine players available, that manager should designate a substitute to play defensively for the shorthanded team in order that the game may be played as scheduled.
 - C) In the event that a substitute player is not available, the manager of the shorthanded team shall make arrangements with the opposing manager and the fall ball coordinator to reschedule the game.
 - D) As the game is governed by a continuous batting order, the manager of the team with more than nine roster players available shall designate a substitute of his choice to play defensively for the shorthanded team. The designated substitute will assume a position in his or her team's batting order rather than bat for the opposing team against his own team mates. In order that the game may be played in an efficient manner, this designated substitute should preferably be the last player to have completed an official at bat in the previous half inning.
- 7- Outfields for minors levels: AAA will field a total of 9 defensive players on the field.
- 8- Umpires: The **HOME FIELD** team will be responsible for providing umpires.
- 9- Home team shall occupy the 1st base dugout/bench. Visitors shall occupy the 3rd base dugout/bench.
- 10-Game times (no new inning, drop dead, etc.) are to be governed by the rules of the home league and their field permits. All local time rules are to be discussed at the home plate meeting before each game.
- 11-Visiting team has warm-up rights to the field from 25 minutes before the scheduled game time until 15 minutes before game time. Home team has the rights to the field 15 minutes before scheduled game time until 5 minutes before game time. The last 5 minutes before the game time is reserved for the managers/umpire plate meeting.
- 12-No slaughter rule is in effect for fall ball as this is training and development. No standings are to be kept. The offensive manager may, at his discretion, decide to end his team's time at bat (applies to any inning). After the game has reached the status of a 'complete game', a manager will have the right to concede.
- 13-At AAA, the half inning shall end when the batting team scores five (5) runs before 3 outs are made.
- 14-Home team is responsible for preparing the field for play.
- 15-It is each team's responsibility to keep the area between their bench or dugout and the nearest foul line clear of equipment and unauthorized personnel.
- 16-Rain-outs will be rescheduled upon request at the local level if possible, if both managers mutually agree to make-up the game and the game site is determined by

both managers on the field at the time of the rain-out. Once the managers agree, the league hosting the make-up game should arrange for umpires.

17-League personnel will not consume or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages when they are with a Little League Baseball team. Nor will they smoke within 50' of a field/facility.

18-Field cleanup and maintenance will be the responsibility of the home team's league. At a minimum, the pitchers mound will be brought back to the elevation of the top of the pitching rubber and the home plate area maintained at the elevation of the top of home plate.

19-Only the manager may represent a team on the field when consulting with the umpire. A team may have 2 adult coaches (1st base and 3rd base).

20-No manager, coach, player or spectator will yell out "safe", "out", "foul", "ball" or "strike" during the playing of a game.

21-No manager, coach or spectator may address an umpire in a loud voice or harsh tone while a game is in progress. Managers, coaches, players and spectators may not act in any way that would tend to incite an unsportsmanlike reaction. Discussion between managers and umpires will be conducted in private to the extent possible.

22-The President of each league shall have the right to temporarily suspend any manager, coach, umpire or other adult personnel or player whose conduct is not in accordance with the best interest of the local league. The suspension shall not exceed 10 days or that which the local League Board of Directors defines.

23-After completion of 3 innings, no inning may start if 2 hours have elapsed since the start of the game. Local rules for game times shall be discussed at the home plate meeting before the game.

24-If the Catcher reaches base with 2 outs, a courtesy or substitute runner may be inserted so the Catcher may return to the bench to suit up with his/her equipment for the next half inning.

25-Listed below are the phone numbers for each field in case of inclement weather:

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| Fox Mill/ Reston | 703-862-0070 |
| McLean/McLean | 703-356-2695 |
| Nike/Great Falls | 703-913-2089 |
| Nottoway/Vienna | 703-938-7532 |
| Yeonas/Vienna | 703-938-7532 / 703-573-3339 |
| Westgate/Falls Church | 703-893-4619 |
| Barcroft/Arlington | |