

# SOLANA BEACH LITTLE LEAGUE JUNIORS

## A. GENERAL GUIDELINES

**Solana Beach Little League is a recreational program.** Equal emphasis should be placed on sportsmanship, teamwork, learning, fun and competition. Managers and coaches need to respond to all players, regardless of ability, in a positive and calm manner. Many children drop out of recreational youth sport programs because of managers and coaches who place too much emphasis on competition and who are less than patient with players who are not at the top of the game.

Managers, coaches, parents and players should show encouragement and good sportsmanship towards one another. **Derogatory remarks directed at players, managers/ coaches, parents, family members or umpires: WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Managers are responsible for the behavior of their coaches, players, player's parents and family members.

Managers are responsible for their players until their parents or an authorized adult arrives. Managers, please make sure that your players' parents or an authorized adult picks up all of your players after all games and practices. **If you are having problems with this issue, please alert the Player Agent or your Division Rep Immediately!**

### The Little League Parent/Volunteer Pledge

I will teach all children to play fair and do their best.  
I will positively support all managers, coaches and players.  
I will respect the decisions of the umpires.  
I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game.

## B. DIVISION/PLAYER DESCRIPTION

For our players who just finished their 12-year old seasons in little league, this is an opportunity to continue playing baseball as a part of SBLL. Interleague games are scheduled between Solana Beach, Del Mar, Encinitas and other coastal cities. Registration is through SBLL and players play on a 60-90 full size field. Typically Juniors have one practice and 1 or 2 games weekly. This is a perfect opportunity to extend the great experience with Solana Beach Little League for two more years.

## C. SCHOOL/FIELD CARE

**Please Pitch In! Help Keep Our Schools & Baseball Fields Neat, Clean & Beautiful!**

1. Juniors practices take place at the Solana Vista Majors Field. Games are played in the Encinitas and Del Mar areas.
2. Remove all trash bags that are half full from the trash cans.
3. Securely close the full trash bags and carry them over and deposit them into the dumpster located at the northeastern corner of the field. Please do not put trash in the recycle dumpsters.
4. Please line the emptied trashcans with a clean trash bag liner. Clean trash bag liners are conveniently stored in the bottom of each trash can.

#### **D. COAST JUNIORS LEAGUE LOCAL RULES**

**NOTE: the teams participating in the Coast Juniors League shall follow The Coast Juniors League Local Rules.** However, these local rules are **NOT** a complete list of all baseball rules applicable to the little league divisions. The Official Regulations and Playing Rules provided by Little League Baseball set forth the complete rules of the game. All managers and coaches shall have a good understanding of the Official Baseball rules. In the event of a conflict in the rules, the Coast Juniors League Local Rules shall be applied.

##### **1. GENERAL**

- a. Game Time.** Every effort must be made to start the game on time. If you have **eight (8)** players, you must start the game. If game delays become a problem, we will be forced to shorten your games by the period of time the game starts late. Starting the first morning games on time is critical.
- b. Time Limit.** There is a two-hour time limit for all games. Game time begins at end of managers/umpires plate meeting prior to game. No new inning can begin after the two-hour limit, but if a new inning begins before the two-hour time limit, it will be completed unless 1) darkness or weather prohibits it *or* 2) *the game extends past 2 hours 30 minutes of play time.* A standard Juniors game is 7 innings. Regular season games may end in a tie; extra innings may be played only if time left on time limit.
- c. Mercy Rule.** If one team has a lead of 10 or more runs after completing 4 ½ innings of play, the game shall end and the team with the most runs shall be declared the winner.
- d. Third to First Move.** A fake pickoff to third whirl to first shall be ruled a balk.
- e. Rain Outs.** If a game is rained out, you must contact the Coast Juniors League Coordinator immediately and schedule a make up game.

**f. Rescheduled Games.** A game may not be rescheduled without the approval Coast Juniors League Coordinator. For all rescheduled games, it is the home team manager's responsibility to contact the umpires and advise them of the changes. Contact information is provided separately.

**g. Disputes.** If there is a dispute about a game, please resolve the issue(s) with your Coast Juniors League Coordinator. No protests please. All protests must be made with the opposing Manager and if necessary, Coast Juniors League Coordinator.

## **2. PITCHING**

**a. Pitch Counts.** Little League Pitch Count Rules will apply and be enforced. Each team manager shall sign the pitch count sheet. The day following the game, the home manager shall e-mail a copy of the pitch count sheet to the Coast Juniors League Coordinator.

## **3. BATS**

**a. Legal Bats.** Little League Junior Division Bat Rules shall apply and be enforced. A batter's bat shall not be more than 34 inches in length; nor more than 2 5/8 inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. All composite barrel bats shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.