

## Riverview LL 2019 AA Bylaws

The Board of Directors of Riverview Little League has adopted these bylaws for the 2019 Season. These rules shall be followed without exception by ALL teams.

### **Pre-Season**

1. Teams are encouraged to have at least 2 but no more than 4 practices/week prior to season start
2. Teams will be organized according to coach selection, considering grade school and home address

### **Season**

1. Each team may elect to keep score, but scores are not reported. There will be no playoffs
2. There will be 2 games and at least one practice per week (with no more than 2 practices each week)
3. 1-1/2 hour time limit on games. No new inning shall start after 1-1/4 hours, even if player pitch hasn't occurred
4. A medium-hard baseball will be used. Hardballs and Softballs are not allowed
5. Only the Head Coach and Assistant coach may be on the field during the game. One additional assistant may be in the dugout as long as he/she has had the proper background check
6. There will be no umpire; coaches will determine the outcome of every play
7. Batters will get 6 pitches. If the batter fouls off from the 6<sup>th</sup> pitch on, they are entitled to another pitch
8. If the batter does not put the ball in play on any of the 6 pitches, or swings at the ball and misses three times, the at bat is over but no out is recorded. **No extra pitches if a coach throws a bad pitch!**
9. Strikes are only called if the player swings and misses. Balls and Strikes are not called, when the player doesn't swing, regardless of ball placement. After a 3<sup>rd</sup> strike, the at bat is over but no out is recorded.
10. There will be no walks or hit-by-pitch
11. Coaches are required to throw overhand from at least 25' away, either kneeling or standing (We recommend kneeling)
12. All teams are required to use a continuous batting line up. All players bat once per inning unless 3 outs are made
13. Runners may advance 1 base on an overthrow. This is a developmental league, there are no trophies. Please use common sense when awarding extra bases, not every slow grounder past the infield is a double. While these may appear to be extra bases in AA, these will be outs in AAA and above.
14. No head first slides. The player is allowed to dive back to the base they came from
15. **Starting May 13<sup>th</sup>** the last inning of each game is player pitch. Player pitch will start in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning or after ~1 hour, with the coaches agreeing it is the last inning. Players will pitch from no less than 38'.
16. During player pitch, there will still be no walks. In addition, strikes will only be counted if the player swings and misses as with Coach pitch.
17. If a player is hit during kid pitch, the coach will immediately finish off all remaining pitches for that at bat following the 3 strike rule
18. Players get 3 pitches and if the batter doesn't swing 3 times (the at bat would be over), the coach pitch starts again. At this point, the coach will come out and throw up to 3 additional pitches. If the batter does not put the ball in play after these 6 pitches or swings and misses three times, the at bat is over. If the batter fouls off from the 6<sup>th</sup> pitch on, they are entitled to another pitch
19. For the purpose of teaching our young players the game of baseball, all fielders will be placed in regular positions, with 10 player's maximum on the field. All infield players must be in proper infield positions: Pitcher, catcher, 1st base, 2nd base, short stop and 3rd base. All 4 outfielders must be at least 10 feet behind infielders.
20. There is free substitution in the field, but all players will play at least 6 defensive outs. We encourage our coaches to play everyone equally; when the players put in the effort at practice, but this is coach decision
21. To encourage development, coaches will play all players as part of the infield for at least 4 innings during the season. This requirement only applies to players who attend at least 90% of the required practices. Coaches can spread this out during the season or complete the requirement in one full game
22. Pitch count must be recorded. It is recommended the home team keep a score book, where pitch count is accurately recorded. The score itself is optional.
23. However unlikely when pitching only in one inning, all coaches are responsible to observe the maximum pitch count below as dictated by Little League: Age 7 – 8, 50 pitches per day & Age 9 - 10, 75 pitches per day
  - If a player pitches 21 – 35 pitches, 1 calendar days of rest must be observed
  - If a player pitches 36 – 50 pitches, 2 calendar days of rest must be observed