

## ABOUT THE LOCAL PLAYING RULES

The Oak Ridge Woodlands Area Little League (ORWALL) baseball organization is a chartered member of Little League® Baseball and abides by the rules and regulations as set forth in the *Little League Baseball Rulebook* for the current season. However, as a local charter, we do adopt certain local operating policies and minimum play rules at the discretion of the ORWALL Board of Directors. The intent of these local rules is to provide a forum for teaching life lessons through the game of baseball, consistent with the Little League mission statement and supporting commentary (found [here](#)).

Many of the local rules are simply reminders about official rules from the *Rulebook* that are often the point of contention and/or are focused on player safety. Some of the rules simply qualify operating policies in their most practical terms while others are designed to maximize the playing time for each individual player.

Here are a few frequently asked questions about the local rules:

Q) Are these the only rules I need to know?

A) No. These rules are supplementary to the *Little League Baseball Rulebook* for the current season.

Q) Where can I find a copy of the current *Little League Baseball Rulebook* for the current season?

A) [Hardcopies may be purchased directly from Little League](#). Electronic versions are available as well.

Q) Cheater! One player never left the infield the whole game! How can this be?

A) Depending on the number of players present for that team and the minimum infield play rule for the division, it is quite possible that everyone's minimum infield play requirements were satisfied even though one or more players had more infield playing time than others (particularly if there are ten [10] or less players present). Remember- the rule is focused on the *minimum* playing time being satisfied for any one player. It does not restrict any one player to a *maximum* amount of infield innings. As long as every player met the minimum infield play requirements as specified by the local Division rules, there is no penalty.

Q) Who should I talk to regarding rule violations?

A) Start with your player's team manager. The manager is responsible for ensuring his or her team complies with the local rules. If your complaint is against the opposing team, your manager would still be the best place to begin. If your concerns are not satisfactorily addressed, you may contact your team's division director.

Q) Where can I find a copy of my Division's Local Rules?

A) The ORWALL website, "[FALL 2018 RULES](#)" link. There you will find each Division's specific local rules.

We encourage you to have a great season of Little League Baseball here at ORWALL. The rules are the guidelines to help everyone work towards this goal. Thank you for choosing ORWALL this season!