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Rule #	Rule Description	8 Rookies
5 *	Batting/Fielding – Batters will receive a maximum of 4 pitches from kid pitchers and up to 4 pitches from the coach. After four coach pitches without hitting the ball, the batter is out by strikeout.	X
6 *	If the final coach pitch results in a foul ball, an additional pitch is given.	X
7	Batting/Fielding – The batting team coach at the mound is expected to call strikes from the kid pitcher.	X
8	Batting/Fielding – If a batter is hit by a kid pitcher, it is a dead ball and the batter will take the base.	X
10	Batting/Fielding – Bunting is allowed off of kid pitcher only.	X
11	Baserunning outs count the entire season.	X
12 *	Coaches on the field nearest the play will call the outs at the bases.	X
13 *	Batting/Fielding – All players bat and play the field, with up to 6 infielders and the rest outfield.	X
16	Equipment - Catchers are required to use a catcher's mitt (Rule 1.12) and athletic support with protective cup (Rule 1.17, male players only).	X
19 *	Batting Cages – Teams may only use one of the batting cages at any time in order to allow others to practice in other cages. Pre-game gets priority over practice.	X
22	Rain outs/Extreme Weather cancellations may or may not be rescheduled (many of the lower ages don't reschedule). Any managers wishing to reschedule a game should work with their league administrator.	X
24	Coaching – Base coaches must be managers, coaches, board approved parents.	X
29	Dugouts – Maximum of 4 adults in the dugout at all times.	X
30	Any adult in the dugout must be approved by the league, per Little League International.	X
31	Players must be in the dugout behind the fence.	X
32	Home Team – Home team occupies the 3 <sup>rd</sup> base dugout.	X
33	Visitor Team – Visitor team occupies the 1 <sup>st</sup> base dugout.	X
36 *	Innings – Consist of 3 outs or 5 runs, whichever comes first.	X
39	Innings – Maximum 5 innings per game.	X
45	Maintenance – All players and managers are responsible for picking up trash inside dugouts, around fences, field and seating areas.	X
46	Pitching – Kid pitchers will throw up to 4 pitches to each batter. Maximum 12 batters faced per pitcher, resulting in up to 48 pitches (Little League max pitch count per day for this age is 50).	X
47 *	Managers/coaches are allowed to warm-up pitchers between innings for regular season games.	X
48	Equipment - Players are not allowed to wear metal cleats.	X
49	Players – Teams are allowed to start with 8 players without penalty – no mandatory out for 8 players. If a team starts a game with 9 players and one leaves or is injured, the 9 <sup>th</sup> players batting position is not considered an out.	X
50	On Deck batters are not allowed.	X
51	Practice – No batting practice from home plate on the field before games. Please utilize the batting cages.	X
52	Practice – Infield practice can be taken before a game - visitors go first, home second. Each team can take practice for 10 minutes.	X
53	Practice – Players and coaches shall not bat hard balls or weighted balls directly into the field fences or the batting cage fences. This is to prevent major field maintenance costs.	X

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54	Practice – There is no warm up pitching allowed using the mound before the game.	X
57	Monday-Friday (non-double headers): No new inning after 1 hour and 30 minutes. There are no hard stops.	X
58	Monday-Friday (double headers) and Saturdays: No new innings after 1 hour and 15 minutes. There are no hard stops.	X
63	Pitchers are not to pitch more than 35 pitches per scrimmage/practice game. The threshold can be passed only when finishing a batter.	X
64	Pitcher exposed undershirt (LL rule 1.11(a3)) – Restricts white and gray undershirts from being exposed by the pitcher. If a neoprene sleeve is worn, it must be covered by an undershirt.	X

#### Other General Rules of Conduct:

- 1 Managers and coaches must remember that they are setting an example for all players. **We expect all adults and players to follow the Little League Code of Conduct.**
- 2 Absolutely NO profanity will be allowed by players, managers, coaches or parents. Use of profanity may result in an ejection for any player, manager, coach or fan. E
- 3 No tobacco products are allowed at the Ankeny Little League complex. E-cigarettes are prohibited in spectator areas.
- 4 Managers are responsible for their team's behavior while they are on the playing field.
- 5 Each manager will control the conversation of his or her players toward the other team in a sportsman like manner. No derogatory chanting, etc. will be allowed. N
- 6 Each manager is responsible for the conduct of their parents/fans in the stands. Managers can be ejected because of the negative conduct of their fans, per Little League
- 7 Managers will not allow any player to question an umpire's decision or judgment.
- 8 The manager will always approach the umpire in a sportsmanlike manner.
- 9 Any umpire's decision which involves judgment is final. No player, manager or coach shall object to a judgment decision. The manager should bring umpiring complaints

**NOTE: Any umpire may eject players in violation of these rules.** Any umpire or any Officer of the Day may eject a manager or coach or fan, potentially on recommendation