



Saco Little League
2019 League Local Rules
Baseball Majors Division

Unless noted below, Saco Little League will be governed by the rules set forth by Little League Rule and Regulations for Baseball Divisions (“Official Playing Rules”).

1. Equipment:
 - I. Saco L.L. recommends that all male players wear protective cups while playing and are required to do so while playing catcher.
2. Field:
 - I. Home team will occupy the 1st base dugout and bench area.
3. Game Length:
 - I. **If after three (3) innings one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more or if after four (4) innings a team has a lead of 10 runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.**
4. Suspended Games:
 - I. Games that do not reach 4 innings, due to inclement weather, will be suspended. The game will resume from the point where it was suspended.
 - II. Games called on account of darkness WILL NOT be suspended; final score will be determined based upon the last full inning completed.
5. Specific rules while on Offense:
 - I. **A continuous batting order that includes all players on the team roster present for the game batting in order will be used.**
 - II. After entering the batter’s box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at-bat. After one warning the umpire shall call a strike.
 - III. Uncaught Third Strike -- The batter becomes a runner due to the third strike not being caught with first base unoccupied or with two outs.
6. Specific rules while on Defense:
 - I. Players may re-enter the game as needed (free substitutions), however, players may not be substituted or change positions for a particular batter.
 - II. Pitching limitations – Eighty five (85) pitches (seventy five (75) for 10 year olds)
 - III. The amount of required rest for pitchers is as follows:
 1. 66 or more pitches must observe four (4) continuous calendar days of rest.
 2. 51-65 pitches must observe three (3) continuous calendar days of rest.
 3. 36-50 pitches must observe two (2) continuous calendar days of rest.
 4. 21-35 pitches must observe one (1) calendar day of rest.

IV. If a player has pitched that day and has delivered 41 or more pitches then that player is not allowed to play catcher for the remainder of the game.

1. **A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day. EXCEPTION: If the pitcher reaches the 20-pitch limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may complete the at-bat and still return to catch.**

V. A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.

VI. Prior to an at-bat, coaches may elect to "Intentionally Walk" the batter by announcing such decision to the plate umpire. The ball is dead and no other runners may advance unless forced by the batter's award. Four (4) pitches will be added to the pitch count.

VII. This division plays with an infield fly rule

VIII. Pursuant to a change in Rule 8.06

1. ***(a) A manager or coach may come out once in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but the second time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher.***
2. ***(b) A manager or coach may come out twice in one game to visit with the pitcher, but the third time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher.***

7. Umpires/Coaching:

- I. In case of a disputed call, a Manager may request a conference with the umpire. Please use good sportsmanship, especially in these situations. The Umpire's decision is final.
- II. Play is stopped when the umpire (not a coach or player) has called "time".
- III. Umpires will stop play immediately upon an injury to any player. Base runners will be awarded only the next base.

8. Field Conditions:

- I. If there is no communication canceling a game, teams are to report to the field. After that time, the decision to cancel/postpone games shall be made by the umpires.
- II. All rescheduled games MUST be scheduled through their Division Vice President.

9. Conduct:

- I. While games at this level are more competitive, positive reinforcement & good sportsmanship should always be followed.
- II. Concerns regarding conduct by a coach, player or parent should be brought to the attention of that division's Vice President immediately.