

**2021 New Albany Little League Baseball
Minor League (8-10 Year Olds) Rules**

ALL PLAY IN THIS DIVISION WILL BE BY THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULEBOOK WITH THESE EXCEPTIONS

Division Basics

- You are allowed (3) practices/games with your team in a week.
- No new inning may start after one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15). If first game is running late the second game will start no more than five minutes after first game. It is coaches responsibility to have team loose and ready immediately following first game.
- No more than (5) runs allowed per inning, excluding innings 5 & 6. Unlimited runs are allowed in the 5th or 6th innings of a game, or in any inning where, in the umpire's discretion because of time, the umpire declares it the last inning of the game before the top half of any inning starts.
- A team must have eight players to start the game. If you only have eight players the ninth spot is an out.
- Two ADULT base coaches are permitted in this division. Each team must have one ADULT in the dugout to assist players..
- Game is called after four innings if there is a ten (10) run lead.
- The regular season Champion is the team with the best overall record. If two or more teams tie for first place, the champion will be determined in the following manner:
- A) head to head record. B) Net total runs against tied teams. C) Run differential for season D) Coin Flip
- The home team will supply one (1) base umpire for the game before or after their games. During the week, the teams that play early will supply umpire for the late game and the team that play late will supply an umpire for the early game. On Saturday, the team that plays at 12 PM will supply an umpire for the 10AM game and vice versa. If a team misses their turn to umpire they will have to fill in for the team that covered for them regardless of the time.

Coaching

- End of game: Clean the dugouts. Insure all garbage is properly disposed of.
- End of day: THIS IS THE REPONSIBILITY OF BOTH TEAMS. Rake the infield after the last game of the day or evening. At least one (1) coach from each team must help with raking the field. Solicit help from parents and players with field and dugout cleaning duties.
- All Star coach will be voted on by other coaches in the league. This must be a majority decision. If no majority decision is made then all nominees will go to the board for vote. Coach will be able to pick 1 assistant and the other assistant will be coach with best record in the league. If that coach doesn't want it, it goes down the line
- 9 year old team will have 12 players and will be voted on by coaches
- 10 year old team will have 12 or 13 players (coaches choice) 5 will be selected by league players, 5 or 6 by league coaches and other 2 will be head coach choice.

Batting

- All players will be placed in the batting order (bat the bench).
- No slashing. That is squaring to bunt and pulling back and swinging.
- Pool players, if used, must bat last in the lineup.

Fielding

- Maximum nine (9) players on defense. Six (6) players in the infield and three (3) players in the grassy section of the outfield.
- No player sits the bench more than two consecutive innings unless they are injured/sick.
- Pool players, if used, must play in the outfield.

Pitching

- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.
- If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed, max 75 pitches per day.
- If a League Age 7 or 8 year old is playing up his maximum pitches is 50
- A player may not pitch more than 40 pitches and catch, this count does revert back.
- A player may not catch more than 3 innings and pitch.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT PLAY AND CONDUCT WILL BE SPORTSMANLIKE. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!