

**2019 New Albany Little League Baseball
Major League (10-12 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 thirty minutes (1:30). If first game is running late the second game will start no more than five minutes after first game. It is coach's responsibility to have team loose and ready immediately following first game.
- 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) Coin Flip
- The home team will supply one (1) base umpire for the game before or after their games.
- The home team is also responsible for keeping the book of their game.
- The visiting team is responsible for keeping the scoreboard.

Coaching

- End of game: Clean the dugouts. Insure all garbage is properly disposed of.
- End of day: THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY 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. 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.
- All star teams (11 and 12 yr olds) will have 12 or 13 players (coach's 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.
- If a player throws the bat, that player will receive a warning. The next time that player throws the bat he/she will be out, removed from the bases, and the other runners may not advance.

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

The number of pitches a player may pitch is governed by their league age and is not related to the division in which they play. (E.g., a league age 10 year-old player playing in the Major division must follow pitching rules for 10 year old players.)

- 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 85 pitches.
- If a 9 or 10-year-old is playing up, maximum pitches is 75.
- Pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game may not play catcher and any player who has played catcher more than 4 innings is not eligible to pitch that day.

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