

Inter-League Majors Baseball 2021 SPRING LOCAL RULES

Games involving the following leagues:

- Countryside Little League
- Oldsmar Little League
- Palm Harbor Little League
- Tarpon Springs Little League
- Safety Harbor Little League

With few exceptions, players should be born between Sep 1, 2008 -- Aug 31, 2012

All Inter-League games will follow the 2021 Little League Official Regulations (Blue Book), except where noted below:

CODE OF CONDUCT:

Coaches are responsible for their team's players and parents conduct at all times. Players or parents who are unruly will be warned by the coach and may be asked to leave the game area if necessary.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION:

1. A continuous or 9-man lineup may be used.
 - a. Each team must declare the type of lineup that it will use to the umpire and opposing team prior to the start of the game (no later than pre-game plate conference)
 - b. With continuous lineup
 - i. All players on the team roster that are present for the game shall be included in the batting order. A player arriving late will be added at the end of the batting order.
 - ii. Free substitution is allowed.
2. Regulation IV in 2021 Little League Official Regulations: Every roster player present at the start of a game will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time.
3. Managers are encouraged to have all players play more than the minimum playing time and to change positions at least once during a game.

Optional:

The following rules are optional but encouraged.

1. Every player must play at least one (1) inning in the infield every game. Free substitution is allowed with continuous lineup only.
2. Every Player must sit one (1) inning before any player sits twice.

GAME PLAY:

1. Prior to each game, a team's batting order with each Player's full name, uniform number is required to be given to the opposing team and score keeper.
2. No new inning shall start after **2 hours from the scheduled start of the game**. An inning begins when the last out of the previous inning is made. **There is no drop-dead limit for Majors Division.**

3. The 5 Run limit applies to the first 3 innings. Beginning in the 4th inning, runs scored per inning are unlimited. Ten Run Rule shall be mandatory after 4 innings (if visiting team is ahead and 3-1/2 innings (if the home team is ahead).
4. If a pitcher is charged with three hit batters during a game, the opposing Manager or Umpire may request that the pitcher be removed from the mound.
5. Intentional walks are allowed. Teams may not intentionally walk the same player more than once in a game.
6. The home team is responsible for preparing the field for play, including raking the pitcher's mound, chalking the batter's boxes and foul lines, and walking the field to find and repair any holes or other items that could represent a safety risk for Players.
7. Umpire(s) and two new game balls shall be furnished by the home team. If a game is held at a 3rd party field (i.e., field not belonging to either team) the home team retains all responsibilities.
 - a. Example: Safety Harbor vs. Countryside (home), game is played at Oldsmar. Countryside remains responsible for umpires, scorekeeper, etc.
8. **The Home Team shall provide the official scorekeeper and the Away Team Shall provide the official pitch count recorder.** The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire when a pitcher has delivered the maximum limit of pitches for the game. Official score keeper and pitch counter keeper shall sit at designated table during the game.
9. **Less than Nine Players:** If a team has at least six but less than nine Players present for a scheduled game, that team shall "borrow" one or more Players from the opposing team to complete its nine defensive positions. The opposing Player(s) who made the last offensive out(s) in the previous half-inning will be borrowed and will play in the outfield. The results of a game played with borrowed Players will count as a regular game. If a team has fewer than six Players present for a scheduled game, that team will forfeit the game by a score of 6-0.

****Please be aware the following Leagues DO NOT allow cleats in the batting cages at any time. This includes rubber cleats. Be sure your players bring tennis shoes if they intend to take BP.***

- ***Countryside Little League***
- ***Palm Harbor Little League***
- ***Tarpon Springs Little League***