

# **ALL COACHES AND MANAGERS MUST READ THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK**

**WE WILL FOLLOW ALL LL RULES AND REGULATIONS  
UNLESS STATED ON THESE LOCAL BYLAWS:**

## **2021 American League**

### **General Rules**

- 1. No new inning shall start after the one hour, forty five minute mark (1:45) has elapsed. Ties are allowed in the regular season if the time limit has been reached.**
- 2. Games will be played regardless whether there are umpires. Coaches and or parents could be used to umpire the game. No coach or volunteer will be allowed on the field at any time without having filled out a CORI form.**
- 3. Teams will be comprised of 12 players on each team. Teams will be selected by way of a player draft. Teams will be redrafted each year.**
- 4. Per Little League Rules, all registered 12-year-old players will play in the American League. The remaining players will be 11 and 10 year olds.**
- 5. Any 10-year-old player that wishes to be eligible for the American League must "opt in" prior to the tryout date. Any 10-year-old player that is not selected for the American League will play in the National League.**
- 6. Sandwich Little League mandates that each player plays at least three innings (half the game) which is greater than the Little League Rule.**
- 7. Coaches must "clear the bench" each inning, meaning if a player is on the bench one inning, he must be in the field the next inning. At no time should a player sit on the bench for consecutive innings.**
- 8. Unlimited substitution shall be used to ensure optimum play time for all players.**
- 9. There will be scores kept in this division as well as standings and playoffs.**
- 10. Field lights must be off no later than 9:45 PM.**
- 11. No more than (3) individuals shall be permitted on the team's bench during games. Any combination of head coach, assistant coach, and or scorekeeper – a total of 3. These 3 people will be in addition to the regular players.**

## **Pitching**

1. All pitching rule requirements are per the Little League Rule Book
2. Maximum amount of pitches for either an 11- or 12-year-old player is 85 in one game. Maximum amount of pitches for a 10-year-old player is 75 in one game.
3. The rest requirements are as follows:
  - 66 or more pitches in a game – 4 calendar days of rest required
  - Between 51-65 pitches in a game – 3 calendar days of rest required
  - Between 36-50 pitches in a game – 2 calendar days of rest required
  - Between 21-35 pitches in a game – 1 calendar day of rest required
  - Between 1-20 pitches in a game – No rest required

## **Batting**

1. All players shall be included in the batting order whether they have a place in the field or not. The batting line up shall consist of every player on the team.
2. Any player arriving late to a game after lineups have been exchanged must be placed at the end of the batting order.

## **Stealing:**

1. The base runner cannot leave his/her base until the ball has reached the catcher's glove.
2. There shall be NO stealing by the team in the lead when one team is ahead by 8 runs. The trailing team may steal at any time.

## **COVID SPECIAL**

1. If a team has less than 8 players the game is a forfeit and the other team is the winner. however that team may recruit a player from either team that is not playing in that time slot or grab a kid off the bench from the opponent. That player or players may NOT pitch and MUST bat last in the line up. Even though this is a forfeit game pitch counts still apply.