



Major League Division In-House Rules – 2019- Aaron Gillette, VP

These rules are in addition to or replacement of rules set forth by Little League International in the 2019 Little League Green Book.

1. All players of league age 10 through 12 will be permitted to play in this division. All players must be evaluated.
2. All players of league age 12 MUST be placed on a major league roster unless a waiver made by the league president and approved by Little League International and on file with the league.
3. The rules governing the draft are set forth by the Tri-Cities Little League constitution and by-laws and as modified by AMENDMENT V of the by-laws.
4. There will be one manager and one coach assigned per team for draft purposes. The manager will pick a parent from the drafted team to be the designated 3rd coach.
5. The children of the coach and manager of each team will be designated as protected during the draft for players. Each team will automatically have these players assigned as draft picks in the round in which they are ranked.
6. The time limit for major league games is 2 hours or 6 innings. No new inning starts after 1 hour and 45 minutes. Managers will confer on start time with the head umpire prior to the start of a game. The home team is responsible for the official game clock.
7. All teams are allowed one team manager and two team coaches in the dugout. At least one

board approved manager or coach **must be in the dugout** at all times.

8. ALL team managers and coaches must submit to a background check and a volunteer application must be on file with the league's board of directors.
9. The team manager is responsible for the actions of any member of the team's coaching staff AND the team's parents and fans.
10. Absolutely no unauthorized adults or children are allowed in the dugouts.
11. All points of regulation VI in the 2018 Little League Green book pertaining to pitch count and moving to the position of catcher will be strictly enforced. Violation of these rules is grounds for suspension of the manager. **Please note the 2013 change** – which allows a pitcher to finish a current batter without adding a day of rest (Section VI – (d) Exception).
12. Starting pitchers will be allowed 8 pitches to warm up prior to the start of the game. Relief pitchers entering a game and pitchers returning for a new inning will be allowed 5 pitches to warm up.
13. A Player with a proper protective catcher's helmet and catcher's mitt shall be used to warm up a pitcher outside the field of play. No adults are allowed to warm up a pitcher but warm up sessions **must be supervised by an adult**.
14. TCLL will implement a player pool for the majors division in 2018. **Rules regarding the pool are explained in the attached player pool memo.**
15. In the event that a team cannot field 9 players in a specific game, TCLL will allow teams to borrow players from the opposing team. **Rules regarding the borrowing of a player are explained in the attached player pool memo.**

16. No defensive coaches are allowed on the playing field. Offensive coaches must stay within the marked coaching boxes at 1st and 3rd Base.
17. The offensive team will use a “Continuous Batting Order” and that batting order will consist of the entire team present. Players arriving late will be inserted at the end of the batting order.
18. There is no “On-Deck” position. No batter is allowed to take practice swings as an on deck batter or in the dugout. Only the lead-off batter of each half inning will be permitted outside the dugout between half innings.
19. A batter showing bunt MAY pull back, but MAY NOT square and swing. Violating batter will be immediately called out.
20. If a team is winning by 10 runs or more at the end of the 4th Inning for the visiting team (or the end of 3 and 1/2 innings for the home team) the umpire shall end the game. Within each inning, there is no “max-run” rule. The inning shall continue until three outs have been recorded, except in the instance of a bottom half of inning four, five, or six, where the home team takes a 10 run lead. The umpires may not stay to play “extra innings” due to insurance considerations even if the umpires and managers want to keep going.
21. Disputing calls with the umpires is grounds for ejection at the umpire’s discretion. Additional disciplinary action will be determined by the League President and the Board of Directors.
22. Scores and pitch counts must be entered into the online scoring system no later than 24 hours after the game.
23. Catcher’s Masks must be fitted with a protective throat guard.

24. There will be no intentional walks.

25. After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat.

Exceptions: The batter can leave the batter's box:

- . a) On a swing, attempted bunt or check swing.
- . b) When forced out of the box by a pitch.
- . c) When the batter attempts a "drag bunt"
- . d) When the catcher does not catch the pitched ball.
- . e) When a play has been attempted.
- . f) When time has been called.
- . g) When the pitcher leaves the dirt area of the pitching mound or takes a position more than five feet from the pitcher's plate after receiving the ball or the catcher leaves the catcher's box.
- . h) On a three ball count pitch that is a strike that the batter thinks is a ball.

Penalty: exceptions apply, the umpire shall warn the batter. After one warning on a batter, the umpire shall call a strike. Any number of strikes can be called on each batter. No pitch has to be thrown and the ball is dead.

Penalty: If the batter leaves the batter's box, delays play and none of the exceptions apply, the umpire shall warn the batter. After one warning on a batter, the umpire shall call a strike. Any number of strikes can be called on each batter. No pitch has to be thrown and the ball is dead.

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