

Major League Baseball

Local Ground Rules

Spring 2019



1. General Guidelines

- 1.01 All play should be in accordance with Little League Official Regulations and Rules for Major League with exceptions as stated herein.
- 1.02 Managers and coaches have been screened and approved by the WLL Board and are expected to set examples of good sportsmanship, build self-confidence and make the game fun for all players.
- 1.03 All managers are required to carry, at all times, medical release forms for all players. These forms will be provided to each manager following the player draft.
- 1.04 In the case of injury or incident, please contact the League Safety Officer immediately and assist in the preparation of an incident report.
- 1.05 A maximum of three (3) approved adult volunteers are permitted on the "Field" during games for each team. The "Field" consists of the playing field, dugouts and surrounding areas within the fences. The intent is to have two (2) adult base coaches and one (1) adult managing the dugout. All approved volunteers must visibly display their league approved identification lanyards while on the "Field".

2. Ground Rules

- 2.01 **Home Team.** The home team will sit in the first base dugout and is responsible for preparing the field for play (drag/rake, line, placing equipment, etc.) as well as picking up all trash on the first base side of the field after the game. The home team is also responsible for the keeping the official scorebook and recording the actual game starting time, and official pitch count for players. The Home Team is responsible for providing game-ready baseballs for the game.
- 2.02 **Visiting Team.** The visiting team will sit in the third base dugout and will be responsible for raking the field after the game, returning league equipment to the storage shed and picking up all trash left on the third base side of the field. Please leave the field in a better condition than you found it.
- 2.03 **Eligibility.** League age 10-12. Intended to be predominantly 11-12 year-olds. 10 year olds may be drafted to Majors teams based on manager evaluation during tryouts.
- 2.04 **Tryouts.** Required for all players.
- 2.05 **Pitching.** All players may pitch in this division subject to Little League rules concerning pitch limits and days of rest.
- 2.06 **Batting Order.** Use continuous batting order, allowing all players present to be included in the team's batting order (Little League Rule 4.04) for all games.
- 2.07 **End of a Half Inning.** A half-inning ends when three (3) outs are recorded.
- 2.08 **Run Rule.** Per inning: There will be no five run rule per inning. Per game: the game ends when either team is ahead by 10 or more runs after the completion of four (4) innings (three and a half if the home team is ahead) (Little League Rule 4.10 (e)).
- 2.09 **Time Limit.** Per Little League Rule 7.00(h), there shall be no time limit on Majors games.
- 2.10 **Infield Fly Rule.** In effect per Little League Rules 2.00, 6.05(d) & (k).
- 2.11 **Stealing Home.** Runners may attempt steal home (second base or third) once the ball has been delivered and reaches the batter (Little League Rule 7.13).
- 2.12 **Dropped Third Strike.** In effect per Little League Rule 6.09(b).
- 2.13 **Minimum Play.** No player shall sit out consecutive innings defensively in a game.
- 2.14 **Warming up Pitchers.** Managers and coaches may not warm up pitchers before or during a game (Little League Rule 3.09).

- 2.15 Players Moving To Majors.** Major League teams must have 12 players on each team at all times during the season. In the event that a Major League team loses a player during the season due to injury or any other reason, the League Player Agent will select a Minor League player to move up to the Majors to fill that vacancy. This is a mandatory move.
- 2.16 Reporting Game Results.** The home team shall report the final score of the game including individual player pitch totals to the Majors Commissioner.