

2024 Chandler American Little League

Farm Division Rules

The following local rules are in addition to the Official Little League Rules. In any case where a local rule is or becomes in conflict with the official rules, the official rules will prevail.

Pre-Game Set-up

- Each team will be responsible for bringing one brand new league provided baseball to each game. This allows each team to take a game ball after the game to give out to a player on their team. Every kid at this age loves getting the game ball and with many games and 13 or less players, each player should receive recognition.
- Home team is responsible for helping to set up and take down the field before and after game.
- Only little league approved breakaway bases provided by the league will be used for games.
- Home team will occupy third base dugout and the visiting team will occupy the first base dugout.
- Both coaches are required to inspect the entire infield prior to the game for rocks or holes that could create potential for injury.
- Each coach is to make sure they bring their team binder complete with medical forms for each player to every game. Coaches will be provided a Basic First Aid Kit that they are to bring to every game. Extra first aid supplies are in the front shed on the shelves to replenish what you use.
- Coaches are responsible for making sure all safety equipment being used by their players including all catchers gear and batting helmets are in good working condition.
- **Coaches are responsible for making sure all of their players are only using Little League approved bats.**

Game Times

- Teams are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to start of game so they can be ready to start game on time.
- Both teams should be ready to play at start time posted on schedule. Any players that arrive late should just be added to bottom of batting order as they arrive.
- Prior to April 14th: Game will last 3 innings unless time limit is reach.
- After April 14th: Games will last 6 innings unless time limit is reached.

- No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes
- No more pitches will be thrown after drop dead time of 1 hour 45 minutes.

In Game Play

- Coaches will pitch a maximum of 5 pitches per kid from approximately 30 feet from home plate. If the 5th pitch is a foul ball the batter will continue to hit until either a swing and miss or the ball is put in play. If the ball is not put in place from the pitch, the batter will put the ball in play by hitting from a tee. There are no strikeouts.
- Prior to April 14th: The half inning will end once the entire team has batted. The inning will not end if the defense records 3 outs.
- After April 14th: Coaches will pitch a maximum of 5 pitches per kid from approximately 30 feet from home plate. If the 5th pitch is a foul ball, the batter will continue to hit until either a swing and miss or the ball is put in play. If the ball is not put in play after 5 pitches, the batter is out. The half inning will end when the offense has scored 5 runs or the defense has recorded 3 outs.
- Runners will not be allowed to advance a base on a throwing error.
- When ball is hit to the outfield the base runners may continue to run until ball is thrown by at outfielder. Once an outfielder releases the ball runners may continue to base they are currently running to but may not advance an extra base.
- No leading off or stealing. Base runners may leave the base only after batter has made contact with the ball.
- All outs will be called by the closest coach to the play regardless of team they are on. There will be no arguing the call once it is made.
- No score will be kept in the regular season games. These are instructional games for players to learn the game of baseball in a zero pressure environment.
- No on deck hitters will be allowed per Little League International Rules.
- Defensive team may have two coaches in the outfield to help direct players where to throw the ball.
- Defensive team will provide a coach to back up their catcher to keep game moving faster.
- If using a player as a base coach in lieu of an adult, the player must wear a batting helmet while on the field.
- All batters and base runners are required to wear a batting helmet while on the field.
- All players in catcher position will wear league provided catching gear including the dangling style throat guard. A protective cup is required for all players playing the catcher position.

- It is required that an adult is in the dugout at all times when players are in dugout.
- Defensive team should field all of the natural infield positions (pitcher, catcher, 1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, and 3rd base). 4 players will be placed in the outfield with 2 on either side of 2nd base. Outfielders need to be at least 20 feet from the infield dirt. Please do not play a centerfielder right behind 2nd base so they can field a ball up the middle and run in and touch 2nd base.

After The Game

- Immediately following the game both teams should line up at home plate and shake hands.
- Coaches must make sure players gather all of their equipment and exit the dugout as quickly as possible so the next team taking the field can get in to prepare for their game.
- A coach should be last person out of dugout to make sure no equipment is left behind and all trash is thrown away.

Important note: No part of these local rules or ground rules can conflict with or supersede any Little League rule, regulation or policy.

