

MORADA LITTLE LEAGUE LOCAL LEAGUE RULES

The purpose of Little League baseball is to give young people an opportunity to learn the game of baseball. It is equally important that Little League provide an opportunity for the participants to learn good sportsmanship. Morada Little League is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide a quality sports program to all children regardless of their abilities or their families ability to pay. The Little League Baseball program is designed to develop superior citizens not just athletes by teaching fundamental principles of sportsmanship, fair play and team work they can use later in life to become better community members. At Morada Little League, good sportsmanship means that players will show respect to their opponents, their teammates, the umpires, league representatives and fans. It means that all participants learn to both win and lose with grace and dignity. The players mimic their coach/parent and his/her behavior regarding umpires, opponents, teammates and their attitudes about winning and losing. **Morada Little League expects its managers and coaches to be outstanding role models and examples of good sportsmanship at all times.** It expects no less from parents and other spectators.

Little League Regulation XIV entitled "Field Decorum" sets out the potential penalty when a little league participant violates rules of conduct and good sportsmanship. "Any player, manager, coach, umpire or league representative who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or incident of unsportsmanlike conduct, at the game site or any other little league activity, is subject to disciplinary action by MLL board of directors". Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, a verbal warning from an umpire and/or league representative, immediate ejection from the playing field, and suspension or expulsion from future games or activities. The purpose of this code of conduct is to promote the Little League values of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play.

As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to spend quality time with your child in a safe, fun filled environment. Please remember, Little League is not just something your child does, it is something you do with your child.

1. All local league rules contained herein shall pertain to the entire little league baseball season. All local rules will be reviewed and approved by the simple majority of the board of directors before the first games of the next season.
2. All Morada Little League volunteers who oversee or have regular contact with players or teams must clear a background check, complete fingerprinting, and be on the current approved list compiled by the league secretary.
3. All managers will be provided with an orientation to Morada little league at the managers meeting.
4. Managers and coaches must have their team binders with them at all practices and games. The binder will have medical release forms as well as rosters and all Manager / Coaches completed certifications. They must be readily available and provided upon request from any umpire, board of director, district 8 official or little league incorporated official. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.
5. Managers and coaches are responsible for the conduct of players and spectators of your team. If the spectators get out of control, please address and calm the situation.
6. The Field Maintenance Manager will reschedule make up games. They will schedule this game as fairly as possible for both teams.
7. The home team is responsible for preparing playing fields on game days. The visiting team will be responsible for dragging the field and the pitching mound area after the game. Each team will be responsible for the cleaning of their own dugout and if the final game of the day, emptying the garbage cans on their side after the game.
8. All managers and coaches must take the approved online concussion protocol class, child abuse and any other state and/or Little League mandated trainings prior to your first practice.
9. The home plate umpire will submit a completed report to the umpire in chief or board approved representative after a game in the event of an injury, ejection or notable event. The Disciplinary committee will review all reports and make a determination based on the umpires report, and any interviews involved parties.
10. In the event of an injury to a player the manager must:
 - a. not leave the player unattended
 - b. notify a parent/guardian immediately.
 - c. Provide a written report to the Safety Officer within 48 Hours.
 - d. If medical attention is necessary and a player misses more than 7 continuous days of participation, they will need a medical release from an accredited medical provider to return to full baseball activities. This must be submitted to the player agent prior to their returning to practices or games.
11. Catchers will need to wear the appropriate catcher's gear or at a minimum a catcher's mask and catchers' glove when warming pitchers up if in a squatting position
12. Protests will follow Little League Rule 4.19
13. All-star teams will consist of up to 13 players at each level. With 1 manager and 2 coaches at each level.
14. All-star selection process will be followed by the all-star guidelines voted in by the board of directors.
15. All teams are required to drag and repair the mound at the conclusion of their practice. Please make sure to take care of our fields.

16. Home team will provide 1 official scorekeeper. It is recommended to have two but only the home team book will be official. Only scorekeepers will be allowed in scoring booths during games.
17. Pitch count Violations for Competitive divisions will be as follows: Managers will start the season with a verbal warning of all players maximum pitch allotment. First game offence will result in a 1 game suspension for the team manager. Second and subsequent violations will result in a 2-game suspension for the manager.
18. There will be a blind draw for drafting position for both the Minor A and B Divisions. The draft will be a serpentine draft. Only team managers will be allowed to attend the draft.
19. Draft rules for Juniors, and Majors will follow Draft Method A as recommended by Little League International. Only the Manager will be allowed to attend the draft.
20. Draft rules for the 50/70 Intermediate inaugural 2024 season will draft as recommended by Little League International. Only the manager will be allowed to attend the draft.
21. Parents of returning players in the Majors division or higher have the option to request in writing an off-season release from their team to be placed back into the draft. All requests must be received by the board prior to the regularly scheduled January board meeting. If approved, the release provides the player can be selected to another team in a division but cannot move down a division.
22. Players registered to player with Morada Little League on their own or a siblings age waiver (little league age 7 and younger per open boundary changes for Spring 2025 season) must have continuous game play of 60% or more of games played to continue to be eligible for out of boundary waivers to be valid.

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