

2026 TCLL LOCAL RULES - MINOR 9-10 DIVISION OBJECTIVE - COURTESIES

- ✓ All 2026 Little League Rules will be followed.
- ✓ Instructional League: Minor 9-10 Division is intended to introduce competitive play while balancing Instruction and fundamentals. Managers and Coaches should keep this in mind as they develop the skills of all players on their team.
- ✓ Coaches should have their line-ups and field positions made out prior to start of the game for easier assembly of players inning to inning.
- ✓ Coaches/Managers will have players prepared and ready to take the field quickly between innings.

MANDATORY PLAY

- ✓ IV (i) - Every rostered player present at the start of a game will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs. Teams will bat the entire roster. Outs do not have to be consecutive, as rule 4.04 allows player entry and re-entry into the game anytime with continuous batting order.

SAFETY

- ✓ 1.08 - No on deck batter except for the lead-off batter each inning.
- ✓ 1.10 - Little League Bat Rules USA Bat Standard or Wood.
- ✓ 1.16 – Helmets are mandatory on Batters, Base Runners, and Player Base Coaches.
- ✓ 1.17 – All Players are encouraged to wear athletic supporters; catchers must wear cup, and dangling throat protector.
- ✓ 3.09 - One player with helmet (plus mask with dangling throat protector) and cup if in ‘catchers’ position) can warm up the pitcher. Coaches may also warm up the pitcher and are not required to wear a helmet/mask. **Local rule – Coaches may not warm up the pitcher during tournament play**

COACHES/UMPIRES/FIELD

- ✓ 3.01 - Home Team provides (2) “RS” “Regular Season” balls (1 still in wrapper plus a 1 good used ball), drags and chalks the field, helps clean the field area after the game, puts away the bases, scoreboard numbers and flag (if applicable), and cleans/sweeps their dugout.
- ✓ 3.01 - Visiting team provides (2) good used “RS” balls, helps clean and drag the field after the game, and cleans/sweeps their dugout.
- ✓ Umpires need to approve the use of the ball prior to the ball being put into play.
- ✓ 4.05 – (2) adult Coaches allowed as Base Coaches contingent on (1) adult Coach/Manager is in the dugout.

TIME LIMIT/INNINGS/PLAYERS/BATTING ORDER/SIDE RETIRED

- ✓ VII (h) – Time Limit. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 20 minutes.
- ✓ 3.04 – A Courtesy Runner can be used for the catcher only, and only when there are two outs. The runner will be the last recorded out. **Local rule – Courtesy runners are not allowed in tournament play**
- ✓ 4.04 - A Continuous Batting Order shall be used, which includes players on the bench.
- ✓ 4.10 - Six (6) innings per regulation game.
- ✓ 4.10 - Tie game, play continues per discretion of the umpire and coaches, unless the time limit has expired.
- ✓ 4.10 - No (10) Run (Mercy) Rule because of the (5) run rule per inning limit.
- ✓ 4.16 – Minimum players required to start and end a game is eight (8). If starting a game with eight, an out will be recorded when the 9th spot comes up in the batting order. If a team loses a player during the game and will only have eight, an out will be recorded when that player’s spot comes up in the batting order. No out will be recorded if a team loses a player during the game but still has at least nine players.
- ✓ 5.07 – Side is retired at (3) outs, or when (5) runs are scored. Play stops when 5th run crosses the plate.
- ✓ 7.14 – A Special Pinch Runner cannot be used because of Continuous Batting Order.

SCOREKEEPING AND PITCHCOUNTS

- ✓ VI (d, e) - In the absence of an official scorekeeper, the official scorebook for a game will be the home team scorebook. Pitch Count Data sheets shall be kept with each team’s scorebook and must be completed by each team at the end of each game and signed by the umpire. Before the next game, Coaches confer as to which players are not eligible to pitch in that game and should request to see dated pitch count sheets from previous games. All managers must comply if asked. The pitcher will only be required to observe the days rest threshold obtained during the at-bat.