

Newport/Middletown Little League AAA/3M Minors Rules

These rules are specific to Newport/Middletown Little League. All rules not specifically addressed will be followed according to Little League International's official rule book. **The goal of the minors game should be to maximize balls hit in play and keep the game moving!**

I. STEALING BASES

- A. Runners are permitted to steal. 1 base per runner per batter (Except Home - see below)
 - i. Runners are NOT permitted to advance another base in the event of the defense misplaying the attempt to get the runner out (no advancing on overthrows).
- B. Runners are NOT permitted to steal home (even on a double steal).

II. BUNTING

- A. Bunting is allowed.

III. WALKS

- A. There is generally no walk limit. However, in the interest of moving the game along, coaches may decide to institute a 5-walk per inning limit. In this case, the coach will pitch the remainder of the inning. Again, this should be agreed upon by both coaches before the game.

IV. RUNS PER INNING

- A. A team is NOT allowed to score more than 5 runs per inning with the exception of the last inning. The 'last inning' must be agreed upon by both coaches and the umpire **BEFORE** the top of the final inning.

MERCY RULE

- B. The game will be deemed completed after 6 complete innings OR after 4 complete innings IF one team leads another by 15 runs or greater.

V. TIME LIMIT

- A. No inning shall begin 1.5 hours after the scheduled game start time.
- B. If the inning is set to begin within 10 minutes prior to the 1.5 hour time limit, then it is up to the coaches of both teams and the umpires as to whether to begin the inning or not.

VI. PITCHING

- A. Standard pitch count rules by league age will be followed in accordance with Little League International's official rule book.
- B. League age 8-year-old pitchers may pitch from 5 feet in front of the rubber (approximately 40ft from home plate)

Rules can be amended on a PER GAME basis - with agreement from both coaches prior to the start of the game. Must inform the umpire of the amendment.