



*Ash-Carleton Little League*  
*Local Playing Rules-Minor/Major Divisions*

1. No game shall start with less than 8 players on each team. If a team cannot field 8 players within 15 minutes of scheduled game time, the game must be rescheduled. Non-played games will be considered a loss for both teams.
2. There will be no double headers in the Major or Minor divisions.
3. No new inning may start after 1 hour 20 minutes. Innings started prior to this time will be finished and at that time all games will be over and official.
4. Minor Division Only- a limit of 5 runs scored per  $\frac{1}{2}$  inning is in effect. Once a team scores 5 runs, regardless of outs, they will take their defensive position on the field. The 5<sup>th</sup> run must be an EARNED run. No more than 5 runs may be counted in any inning.
5. Minor Division Only- 11 Run rule is in effect all season. If a team is leading by 11 runs after 4 innings or 6 runs after 5 innings, the game is a Mercy and will be over and official.
6. All games (rain-outs, suspensions, etc.) must be played. Make-up games, suspended, and rain games shall be played as soon as possible. Both managers must contact the league scheduling committee to reschedule a game. For purposes of season standings, any game not made up or completed will count as a loss for both teams.
7. Bunting is allowed.
8. Base stealing is allowed once the ball has crossed the plate.
9. Batting is in a continuous order. No warm up area- player will be given time before they enter the Batter Box to take a swing.
10. Pitchers are able to pitch 6 consecutive outs. However, if they throw more than 35 pitches in a game they will not be able to pitch for 2 calendar days. Coaches are responsible for keeping track of pitch count.
11. Curve Balls are legal for Majors Only.
12. Pitching mound will be at 46ft for all ages.
13. 5 warm-up pitches per inning. 8 pitches for new pitchers
14. No head first sliding, must slide feet first. Players must slide into home on close plays or will be called out.
15. Must use league supplied uniforms. No altering of uniforms. No names on back.
16. Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike for Majors only.
17. After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat. Exceptions: on a swing or slap bunt, when forced out by a pitch, if catcher does not catch the pitched ball, when time is called, when pitcher leaves the 8 foot circle or catcher leaves batter's box, on a three ball count pitch that is a strike that the batter thinks is a ball.
18. Minors will play with 9 or 10 outfielders per coaches' agreement before game. Majors will play with 9 outfielders.