



# *Saugerties Little League*

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## **7-8 Minors Baseball Rules**

### **1. Coaching**

- Coaches may assist on the field
- Players coaching first base must have a helmet on
- No players “on-deck” with a bat in hand.
- No more than 3 coaches in the dugout. Only coaches who have filed a Volunteer Application with the League President may coach. No substituting coaches without consent of the division coordinator or League President. Only team members in the dugout and no children
- Coaches cannot warm up pitchers - Players Only – with mask and cup

### **2. Pitching**

- Coaches pitch the first four (4) Innings, players pitch the last 2 Innings
- Any player on a regular season team may pitch. **Exception:** Any player, who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.
- Pitch count rules are in effect. Please keep a pitching log of both pitchers and compare it with the opposing coach after each full inning is completed. League age 7-8 year olds are only allowed 50 pitches per game.
  1. • If a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
  2. • If a player pitches 21 - 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
  3. • If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.
- **3 Walk limit per innining when players are pitching.** After 3 walks, batters must strike out or put the ball in play. There are no walks or hit-by-pitch when coaches are pitching.
- **Pitcher must be removed if he hits 3 batters in an inning or 5 in two innings.**

### **3. Baserunning**

- Stealing is NOT allowed in Minors A. Leading is not allowed at any level in our league.

### **4. Batting**

- Round-Robin batting – all players present bat in a consecutive order
- No-on deck batter. Use of the traditional batting donut is prohibited.
- Bunting is not allowed
- Balls hit into trees are DEAD unless the umpire has declared a clear homerun

### **5. Fielding**

- No infield Fly Rule is used in this division
- Catcher must wear a mask and full catcher’s gear
- Fielder are not permitted any closer to the batter than even with the pitcher’s plate

### **6. Scoring**

- 5 Run Rule in effect at all times. A team may score no more than 5 over the opponent’s score. If the team is already ahead by any amount, 5 additional runs may be scored. Whenever the 5 runs are reached, the half-inning is over.
- If a play is in progress when the fifth run is scored, the play will continue and all runs scored will count

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## **7. Basic Player Rules**

- Throwing of equipment is strictly prohibited. The first time any equipment is thrown, a verbal warning will be issued. The second time, the offending player will be removed for the remainder of the game.
- Profanity is strictly prohibited. One warning will be issued on First Offense. Second Offense is an automatic removal from the game.
- All players ejected from a game must sit the next game.
- Players must be in FULL uniform (shirt, pants, stirrups & hat) to participate/play in games. No modifications are allowed. Shirts MUST be tucked in. No jewelry (necklaces, bracelets or earrings). Sweatshirts, jackets, etc. are permissible, but must be worn under the player's uniform shirt while on the field during a game.
- Uniforms tucked in at all times!

## **8. Basic Managerial Rules & Game Time**

- All games will be scheduled Monday-Friday and have a starting time of 6:00. There are NO regularly scheduled Sunday games. The league coordinator may reschedule some makeup games for Saturday if there are no openings during the week. No team shall be scheduled to play Two (2) games in one day.
- **No New Inning is to start after 7:45PM** Monday-Friday. No new inning will start after an hour and 45 minutes during any weekend game. If a game is called in an uncompleted inning, the game will revert back to the last completed inning. In the event of an uncompleted game, the game may be made up, starting after the last completed inning; at the next meeting of the two teams.
- No game will be played entirely under the lights.
- Manager or coach may coach third base while on offense (no coaches on field for offense)
- Games cannot start until volunteer parents are in concession stand. The Home Team on Wednesday night at Cantine bear this responsibility
- Rainouts and postponed games will be determined by the League Coordinator. If it begins raining during the game, the home plate umpire decides if the game should be stopped.
- Home Team is responsible for putting the bases away at the conclusion of the game
- Please make sure the dugouts are cleaned out before leaving
- Please fill out a uniform sheet at the beginning of the year **as well as polling players** to find out if any of them have a severe allergies such as peanut or bee sting.
- Collect uniforms at the last game of the year – tell players to bring a change of clothes for that game. The league meeting room can be opened for the players to change or the bathrooms may be used.
- **Players are permitted to go to the bathroom but not to the concession stand once the game begins.** If a manager/coach allows a player to go to the bathroom, the player must be accompanied by an ADULT.

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\*\*\*\*Most importantly, let's keep it positive! The minors divisions are all about instruction, education, and enjoyment. Learning and FUN need to be the priority.

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