

ALL COACHES AND MANAGERS MUST READ THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK

**WE WILL FOLLOW ALL LL RULES AND REGULATIONS
UNLESS STATED ON THESE LOCAL BYLAWS:**

2022 Minor League

General Rules

1. No new inning shall start after the one hour, forty five minute mark (1:45) has elapsed. Ties are allowed in the regular season if the time limit has been reached.
2. Games will be played regardless of whether there are umpires. Coaches and or parents could be used to umpire the game. No coach or volunteer will be allowed on the field at any time without having filled out a CORI form.
3. Teams will consist of 8-, 9- and 10-year-old players selected by way of a player draft. All 10 year-old players that are not selected in the Major League draft must be selected in the Minor League Draft. The remaining roster spots will be filled by 9 year-old players and 8 year-old players who have opted to play in the Minor League.
4. The number of teams will be determined by the League's Board of Directors.
5. Sandwich Little League mandates that each player plays at least three innings (half the game) which is greater than the Little League Rule.
6. Coaches must "clear the bench" each inning, meaning if a player is on the bench one inning, he must be in the field the next inning. At no time should a player sit on the bench for consecutive innings.
7. Coaches should rotate all players between the infield and outfield.
8. Unlimited substitution shall be used to ensure optimum play time for all players.
9. There will be scores kept in this division as well as standings and playoffs.
10. The 9,5,3 rule will be in effect. The ½ inning will be over after one of the following occurs: 9 batters have been up to bat, 5 runs have been scored, or 3 outs have been recorded by the defense.
11. When the ninth batter is up, the team in the field should notify the umpire and play should take place as if there are two outs. Any out will complete the inning or the fielding team can throw home plate at which time the umpire shall declare the inning completed.
12. If a team does not have at least 8 players by 5 minutes past game time, the game is ruled a forfeit and will be scored 1-0. The game should be played as a scrimmage.
13. No coach or volunteer will be allowed on the field at any time without having completed the league's background check.

Pitching

1. All pitching rule requirements are per the Little League Rule Book.
2. All pitchers must pitch from the top of the mound, no exceptions.
3. No pitcher shall be allowed to reenter as a pitcher in the same game.
4. There will be no balks.
5. Curve balls are not allowed. Umpire will warn the pitcher on the first curveball thrown and call a ball on any future curve ball thrown.
6. This division will use innings restrictions instead of pitch counts.
7. Maximum number of innings pitched for a 9 or 10 year-old player is 2.
8. Maximum number of innings pitched for an 8 year-old player is 1.
9. Players that reach their innings limit in a game are not allowed to pitch on consecutive days. For example, a 9 year-old that pitches 2 innings on Friday cannot pitch again until Sunday.
10. In the case of a forfeit, pitching restrictions still apply for the scrimmage played in lieu of the game.
11. Intentional walks are not allowed during the regular season.

Batting

1. All players shall be included in the batting order whether they have a place in the field or not. The batting lineup shall consist of every player on the team.
2. Any player arriving late to a game after lineups have been exchanged must be placed at the end of the batting order.
3. Bunting is allowed.
4. In the case where one team does not have 9 batters, no extra outs will be assessed at the missing spot in the lineup.

Baserunning:

1. Stealing of 2nd and 3rd bases are allowed.
2. No stealing home on pass balls.
3. No stealing on catcher's over throw back to the pitcher.
4. Runners must slide or avoid contact.
5. Head first sliding is not allowed when progressing to any base. However, a runner may reach or slide back to a base head first.
6. The base runner cannot leave his/her base until the ball has reached the catcher's glove.

7. There shall be NO stealing by the team in the lead when one team is ahead by 8 runs. The trailing team may steal at any time.
8. There is NO dropped 3rd strike rule. If the catcher does not cleanly catch a 3rd strike the batter is OUT
9. A stealing line shall be drawn by the umpire, directly behind the catcher which will be used to determine when stealing can take place.
10. The stealing line shall be removed at the halfway point in the season. The league commissioner will notify coaches of the official date.
11. The base runner cannot leave his/her base until the catcher has either caught the ball or the ball has been blocked and has stayed in front of the stealing line.

Draft:

1. The Minor League division will be subject to a draft of players prior to the beginning of the season. The draft is a total re-draft from the previous year with no players held over by any specific team.
2. The draft order will be randomly picked.
3. Before each draft each coach's son/daughter will be placed into a specific round of the draft based on each of the other coaches' evaluation of the child's talent and tryout. The player will be placed in the round receiving the most votes. In the event of a tie, the player will be placed in the latter round.
4. Coaches may select from all 10 year-old players not selected in the Major League draft, plus all 9 year-old players and all 8 year-old players that have opted to play in the Minor League. All eligible players must be drafted.
5. All siblings must be placed on the same team. When the first sibling is selected, the draft stops and the second sibling is placed on the team in accordance with rule #3.
6. The draft will proceed by selection in order of the random draw with the order reversing at the end of each round for the entire draft. (For example Round 1 is 1 through 8 and Round 2 is 8 through 1 then Round 3 returns to 1 through 8).
7. Only Head Coaches and necessary members of the League's Board of Directors are eligible to attend the draft. All draft results must remain private.