

Southeast Arlington Little League
LOCAL LEAGUE RULES
MAJORS/MINOR/INTERMEDIATE/JUNIORS/SENIORS

GAMES

All games will be played in accordance with the Little League Official Regulations with Playing Rules and Tournament Rules, the SEALL Constitution and By-Laws, and these Local League Rules. The Local League will publish specific rules covering Coach Pitch and Tee Ball games. All divisions may have two (2) adult base coaches as long as there is one (1) adult in the dugout.

TIME LIMITS

MINORS AND MAJORS-

No new inning will start after 1 hour and 30 minutes from the **scheduled start time**. The game will end 1 hour and 55 minutes from the **scheduled start time**. If the inning is not complete after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the scheduled start time, the provisions of Rule 4.11(d) will apply. If there is no game following, the game will be continued until it is a regulation game (3 ½ or 4 innings, or additional innings if necessary to determine a winner), regardless of the time limit. Once 3 ½ or 4 innings have been played, the game is over. Incomplete, or tied, games will be completed per the Little League Rule Book Rules 4.11 and 4.12 and at the Local League Board of Directors (Board) discretion.

Additionally, the visiting team will bat first and continue until three (3) outs are made OR until five (5) runs score, whichever comes first.

Finally, this division will use a continuous batting order, meaning they will bat their entire lineup every game.

INTERMEDIATE/JUNIORS/SENIORS -

No new inning will start after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the **scheduled start time**. The game will end 1 hour and 55 minutes from the **scheduled start time**. If the inning is not complete after 2 hours from the scheduled start time, the provisions of Rule 4.11(d) will apply. If there is no game following, the game will be continued until it is a regulation game (3 ½ or 4 innings, or additional innings if necessary to determine a winner), regardless of the time limit. Once 3 ½ or 4 innings have been played, the game is over. Incomplete, or tied, games will be completed per the Little League Green Book Rules 4.11 and 4.12 and at the Local League Board of Directors (Board) discretion.

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RAINOUTS AND/OR POSTPONEMENTS

Games will not be postponed unless the field cannot be made ready for play. This decision will be made by **the league president (or his/her designee) and the City of Arlington**. Rainouts and postponed games will be played at the earliest possible opening in the schedule. All PITCHING regulations also apply. At game time, Little League regular season Rule 3.10 will be applied.

SCHEDULES

Under no circumstances will individual managers re-arrange schedules. **The Local League president, vice president, and league scheduler reserve the right to re-arrange schedules at any time he/she deems necessary.**

UMPIRES

Umpires are a valuable part of Little League Baseball and we expect them to be treated well and respected. No agreements shall be made between managers and umpires contrary to the Little League Baseball Official Regulations with Playing Rules and Tournament Rules rulebook or the amendments as specified by the Board. All managers and coaches are required to annually attend a SEALL umpire clinic.

All Southeast Arlington Little League umpires are VOLUNTEERS. The volunteer umpire is as much a part of Little League as the volunteer manager, coach or concession stand worker. There is no sound reason for paying umpires, or any other person whose services should be provided on a volunteer basis. Many districts and leagues have found successful ways to operate volunteer umpiring programs, helping to defray the costs that might normally be passed on to the parents of players.

Little League, and THIS league, offers many training materials, clinics and seminars for umpire education.

SCOREKEEPERS & RECORDKEEPING

Each team manager will appoint a scorekeeper and an alternate. Home team scorekeepers will be available at the score booth 15 minutes prior to the start of the game to arrange the lineups in the Official Scorebook. The home team will supply the official scorekeeper for the game and **MUST** remain neutral. The president and/or his/her designee, in order to maintain strict observance of the pitching, substitution, and participation rules, will check scorebooks periodically. Following the game, a game report sheet will be completed with the game information, including the signatures of the respective scorekeepers, managers, and the game's umpire-in-chief. This report will be turned into the "drop box" at the concession stand. The home team is responsible for providing a fully completed game report and turning it in after each game. **The visiting team's scorekeeper (or a designated member of the visiting team) will sit in the score booth and will be responsible for maintaining and recording the pitch count for each pitcher used and MUST remain neutral. His/her pitch count will be the official pitch count exclusively.**

NOTE: Both Scorekeepers must be seated in the score booth during the game.

FIELD DECORUM

Little League Regulation 14 will strictly be observed.

The umpire-in-chief (the game's plate umpire) will report to the SEALL president within twenty-four hours after the game, all violations of the rules. Included in the report will be the reasons for ejection of any player, spectator, manager, or coach from the game. Any person removed from a game is subject to the provisions of the Little League Green Book; however, the Local League Board reserves the right to increase the length of suspensions beyond the requirements of Little League Rules. Any member of the Local League involved in a physical altercation shall be suspended until further review by the Board at their next **regularly scheduled** Board meeting. The Board must approve permanent suspensions.

PROTEST/FORFEITS

All protests and forfeits will be handled in accordance with the Little League Green Book Rules 4.15, 4.16, 4.17, 4.18, and 4.19. Protests must be handled by the Board within seven (7) days. **Judgment calls by the umpires are not subject to protest.** The Protest Committee will consist of the Local League's president, vice president, umpire-in-chief, player agent, secretary, and treasurer. When a member of the Protest Committee has a conflict of interest because of an association with an involved team or division, the president will appoint alternate Board members for each affected committee position to handle that protest.

TEAMS

The league president and the player agent will establish the roster size of teams in each division prior to the drafts. This will be maintained throughout the season. When a player is lost in the Minor, Majors, Junior, and Senior Divisions, the manager must apply directly to the PLAYER AGENT for a replacement player within a seven (7) day period. NO player may be called up to the next higher division during the last two (2) weeks of the SCHEDULED SEASON. Twelve (12) year-old players may be assigned to the Majors Division from the waiting list with Board approval. No other age group may be assigned to the Majors Division from the waiting list. Replacement players will be called up to the Majors Division from the Minors Division. Any player refusing advancement to the Majors Division shall forfeit further eligibility on any Majors team for the current season. Minor teams will receive the next available player on the waiting list. Minor Division players refusing advancement to a Majors Division team will become the property of the Minor Division team who supplies the player to the Majors Division team previously denied. Coach Pitch and Tee Ball teams will be formed by neighborhood schools by the respective commissioner, player agent, and president as best as possible. All those players who sign up through the end of the baseball tryout dates will be assigned to a team.

MANAGERS/COACHES

Persons desiring to be managers or coaches must submit an application in writing, be appointed by the president, and approved by the Board of Directors. Managers and coaches will be required to annually attend a SEALL umpire clinic. Managers will be responsible for providing SEALL approved umpires for scheduled games in another division. **Failure of managers/coaches to attend at least one SEALL umpire clinic annually will result in a one (1) game suspension and may result in the individual's removal as a manager/coach.** Managers will be responsible for providing concession volunteers for their team's scheduled concession duty. Failure of the manager to provide umpires and/or concession workers will result in suspension of a game by the Local League president for each violation. The respective commissioners and president will fill any vacancies due to a lack of applications or by resignations with the final approval of the Board. **No person shall be appointed a manager if his/her spouse is the commissioner of the division.** Note: Managers cannot appoint a coach until after the draft to prevent "red-shirting." Exception: Managers returning for the second year in the Majors, Junior, or Senior Divisions may re-instate their coach who is returning for subsequent years with that team with Board approval. In all divisions, NEW coaches cannot be declared until after the draft. **ONLY MANAGERS ARE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE DRAFT.**