

## Orange Little League MINORS DIVISION Rules for Play

### *Modifications from the Majors division*

- A half inning shall be considered over when 3 outs are recorded or the offensive team has scored 5 runs, whichever comes first except for the 6<sup>th</sup> inning where there is no maximum number of runs.
- No infield fly rule.
- Dropped third strike is a strike out.
- If there are more than 9 players, no player shall be a bench player more than 1 consecutive inning.

### *Advancing Rules*

- A player may only advance home on a passed ball once in an inning.
- A player may only take one additional base on a ball overthrown to a base.
- Players shall not advance from any base on an errant throw back to the pitcher from catcher.
- Players may advance only one base on a wild pitch or passed ball.
- Players may not advance on a catcher's errant throw to attempt to catch the runner stealing
- A runner may attempt to advance to the next base if the catcher or pitcher attempts to pick him off immediately prior to or after a pitch is thrown.
- A runner shall not advance to second base before another pitch has been thrown after a base on balls.
- There are no delayed steals. Player cannot steal when the catcher is throwing back to the pitcher.
- If there are runners on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the runner on 1<sup>st</sup> attempts to steal 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the catcher throws down to 2<sup>nd</sup>, the runner on 3<sup>rd</sup> may attempt to advance to home
  - There is no limitation on the number of times the offense wants to run this play in effort to score a run

### *Players Arriving Late/Leaving Early*

- If a player arrives late, they are to be entered in the last spot in the batting lineup
- If a player must leave early their spot in the lineup is to be skipped and no out is recorded

### *Pitching/Catching Restrictions*

<https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/pitch-count/>

#### *Pitch counts and rest days:*

1-20 pitches = no days of rest

21-35 pitches = 1 day rest

36-50 pitches = 2 days rest

51-65 pitches = 3 days rest

66-75 pitches = 4 days rest

*Maximum number of pitches per day by age: 8 years old = 50 / 9-10 years old = 75*

- *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.*
  - *The catcher receiving one pitch to a batter in the fourth inning constitutes having caught four (4) innings. Warm-up pitches do not count, only when the ball is live will the pitches count toward innings caught.*
- A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day.