

# TEAM & GAME REQUIREMENTS

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## SEASON LEAGUE PLAY

All divisions will play a minimum of twelve (12) regular season games, followed by a double-elimination special event “playoff tournament” to determine the division champions (Rookie division is exempt). Playoff tournaments are not required but encouraged.

## PRE-GAME WARM UP

- A. Teams will not be allowed on the infield until all of the field prep is completed and both managers have approved the field.
- B. Infield warm-up time is not guaranteed. The field will not be used for infield warm-ups, unless there are at least fifteen (15) minutes remaining prior to the next scheduled game, in the following manner and will be enforced by Board Member on Duty:
  - a. Each team will be restricted to one-half of the available time beginning with the visiting team- the time will be divided equally.
  - b. Teams should warm up outside the fences and be ready to play.
  - c. Managers can get their pitchers ready by having the pitchers and catchers warm up in the bullpen area
  - d. Pre-Game Hitting- Batting cages are not allowed for pre-game hitting or during another team's game.

## FIELD MAINTENANCE

- A. It is the responsibility of BOTH team managers to prepare the field prior to taking infield warm-ups. The field preparations include the watering of dirt areas, raking/dragging the infield, chalking the lines and placement of bases (if applicable). These preparations should be completed 15 minutes before and after the game. It is crucial to adhere to this requirement without any exceptions, failure to do so will result in repercussions
  - a. **HOME TEAM: Handles chalking and watering pre-game**
  - b. **VISITING TEAM: Handles watering and raking/drag the infield and mound post-game**
- B. Immediately following each game, both teams in all divisions must patrol the playing field and their dugouts for debris, trash and personal property. Managers and Team Parents must ensure that no items are left behind and that dugouts and fields are ready for the next team to play. Please place any unclaimed leftover items in the lost and found bin inside the snack bar.

## SCOREKEEPING

- A. Each team in the League should appoint: (Rookie/TeeBall Exempt)
  - a. A Scorekeeper
  - b. Pitch Count Recorder/Scoreboard Operator
- B. Only scorekeepers, announcers, working umpires and League Officials on League business are permitted in the scorekeeper's booth. Managers and Coaches are not permitted in the scorekeeper's booth unless on official business.

- a. **HOME TEAM:** Scorekeepers are to be a responsible ADULT provided by Managers of the Home team.

- b. **VISITING TEAM:** Pitch Count Recorder/Scoreboard Operators are to be a responsible ADULT provided by Managers of the Visiting team.

***Note: Scorekeepers and Pitch Count Recorder/Scoreboard Operator are to be a responsible and trained ADULT Volunteer assigned by Managers, If no responsible/trained Adult volunteer is available, the Manager or Team Parent must appoint a team Coach to this position or they will forfeit the game after a 15 minute grace period.***

- C. The Umpire-in-Chief for the game **will** ensure these policies are enforced and the game starts on time. In addition, per Little League Rule 6.07

**Note:** "The umpire and the scorekeeper **should** not direct the attention of any person to the presence in the batter's box of an improper batter (a batter batting out of order)." Rule 6.07 is designed to require constant vigilance by the Players and Managers of both teams.

- D. **MANDATORY- REPORTING OF SCORES:** Upon finishing each game, the scorekeeper and pitch count recorder should obtain signatures on the scorebook and pitch count sheet from both managers to confirm the official results. Additionally, a photo of both team's scorekeeping and pitch count should be forwarded to the Scorekeeping Coordinator or Scheduler for recording game standings on WCALL website.