EAST HAMPTON LITTLE LEAGUE
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL LOCAL RULES
(Updated January 2022)

LITTLE LEAGUE OFFICIAL REGULATIONS, PLAYING RULES AND POLICIES
SHALL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:

GAME:

1. Games will start at their scheduled start time. Players should be at the field 30 minutes prior to the game time for warm-ups, unless notified otherwise by the Manager or Coach.
2. There is **no** time limit on major league games. (Unless there is another game scheduled to follow on the same field. If the typical 2-hour limit is reached and the game is not yet complete, you will complete the full inning currently being played. No new inning shall be started within 15 minutes of the next scheduled game. NOTE: Games can end in a tie.)
3. If a game is tied or not complete after the typical 2 hours and there is no scheduled game to follow, the game may continue until a winner is decided or it is no longer safe to play due to darkness. The decision to end play due to darkness will be made by the Umpire(s). Once into the additional innings, a complete inning must be completed for the game to be official, if this is not possible, the score will revert to last completed inning.
4. Run Rules: If at the end of 4 innings (3-1/2 if the home team is ahead) one team has a lead of 10 or more runs, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede victory to the other team. The home team, if behind, must bat in its half of the inning.
5. If one or both teams are short players, or the game is rained out, the game will be rescheduled. The home team manager should contact the **Player Agent or League Director** immediately to reschedule the game.
6. All make-up games must be rescheduled on the first available date. If a manager is unable to attend the make-up date, a coach will take the team for that game.

SCOREBOOKS:

7. The Home Team is responsible for maintaining the official score book and pitch counts for both teams. If the Home Team has an alternate scorer, that scorer will be posted in the press box.
8. Teams that play out-of-town games are responsible for copying and adding the appropriate pages to the official score book.
9. Official score books will be returned to the Field House after each game.
10. The pitch count by each pitcher must be noted in the book and initialed by each manager.

GAME PROCEDURES:

11. A Manager or Coach may coach first or third base (or both-- as per Little League Rule 4.05(1)). There must be at least one manager, coach or rostered team parent in the dugout.
12. All players must play at least three (3) innings in the field of a six (6) inning game.
13. The batting order will include the entire roster of players in a continual batting order (C.B.O): Little League rule 4.04.
14. Dropped Third Strike – If a batter who has struck out leaves the “dirt area” of the home plate (touches grass area outside of home plate area), that player has given up his/her right to advance on a dropped third strike call.

SAFETY:

15. The on-deck batter is not allowed.
16. During the game, incoming pitchers should warm-up in the bullpen. Warm-up catchers must wear a catcher's mask.
17. Before games, players shall warm-up only within the playing field or fenced areas.
18. Male catchers must wear a protective cup

19. All batters, baserunners and base coaches other than adults shall wear batting helmets at all times.
20. Unauthorized individuals (non-team members) are not permitted on the team benches or in the dugouts. "Bat boys" or "bat girls" are not allowed.
21. Any injuries sustained during a game or practice will be reported to the Safety Director within 24 hours on a league "Injury Report" form.
22. Except for the first batter of an inning or players warming up in the bullpen, all managers, coaches and players who are not on the field must remain in the roofed area of the dugout.

CONDUCT:

23. No food or soda is allowed in the dugouts during the game.
24. No player shall leave the playing area during the game without permission of a manager or coach.
25. The use of tobacco or alcoholic beverages in any form is prohibited on the playing fields, benches or dugouts.
26. There will be no throwing of equipment on the field or in the dugout. The Umpire may eject from the game (without prior warning) any participant who throws a piece of equipment.
    Note: Any participant who is ejected from a game for any reason will not be allowed at the site of her/his team's next scheduled game; neither game will count toward the all star minimums.
27. The manager may bench a player for disciplinary reasons at any time during a game. The disciplined player may or may not re-enter the game at the discretion of the manager.
    NOTE: the manager must inform the League Director and Player Agent within 24 hours of any serious incident.
28. No player may be removed from a team without consent of the Board of Directors.
29. Managers and coaches, with the exception of the base coaches, are not allowed on the playing field during play.
30. Managers and coaches are not permitted to warm up pitchers, per Little League Regulation 14 (f)

HOUSE KEEPING:

31. Before players are released after each game, both teams will patrol the team dugouts, fence perimeter and bleacher areas for trash.
32. The home team manager is responsible for returning all community equipment to the proper storage area after each game.
33. Both managers and coaches (Home and Away Teams) are responsible for lining the infield prior to the game. Infields shall be groomed before and after each game; get the parents to help you.
34. Hitting balls into the fences is prohibited. Over time this will distort the shape of the fence.

PLAYER MOVEMENT:

35. If the roster size goes below 12 players due to players quitting, excessive absence of a particular player, or injury, for example, the manager should contact **the Player Agent** for a replacement player who will remain with that team.

MAJOR LEAGUE TOURNAMENT:

The major league champion will be determined after the conclusion of the regular season. All major league teams will participate in tournament play. The format of the tournament will be distributed prior to the tournament start.

Tournament Seeding Tie-Breakers shall be as follows:

1. Head to Head results
2. Total season runs allowed
3. Total season runs scored
4. Coin Flip

PITCH COUNT REGULATIONS:

Refer to Regulation VI for important information concerning:

1. **Pitch Count**:
   League age 11 and 12: Maximum of 85 pitches per day
   League age 10: Maximum of 75 pitches per day
   (The manager must remove the pitcher when they reach said limits)

2. **Days of Rest Requirements** (Managers should reference the official scorebook prior to each game for pitcher eligibility)
   - 66 pitches or more: Four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed
   - 51-65: Three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed
   - 36-50: Two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed
   - 21-35: One (1) calendar days of rest must be observed
   - 1-20: No (0) calendar day of rest is required

3. **Exceptions:**
   If a pitcher reaches an imposed limit (85, 65, 50 , 35 or 20) while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following occurs: 1. The batter reaches base; 2. The batter is retired; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning.

4. **Catcher-to-Pitcher / Pitcher-to-Catcher transfers**
   - If a player has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings, they are not eligible to pitch on that calendar day *(Note: If one (1) pitch is caught in their 4th inning, it will be considered a complete inning and that player will not be eligible to pitch)*
   - If a pitcher delivers 41 or more pitches in a game, they are not eligible to play the position of catcher for the remainder of that calendar day.
   - If a player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position and delivers 21 or more pitches in the same day, they may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day

   NOTE: If a pitcher who has not already played the position of catcher reaches 40 pitches while facing a batter, the pitcher may complete pitching to that batter and maintain their eligibility to play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day *(Same exceptions from #3 above apply)*

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