

# 2026 MAJOR LOCAL RULES

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## 1. Batting

The entire lineup shall bat through the order (continuous batting order). Bunting is allowed. Batters must adhere to the requirements of the local league option rule 6.02(c) in the Green Book.

## 2. Pitching

Pitchers must adhere to requirements stated in the Official Regulations and playing rules. (Green Book). Pitchers hitting any three batters during the course of a single game must be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of that game.

## 3. Fielding

Every player must play a minimum of 3 innings on the defense.

## 4. Disputed Umpire Calls

Only the manager may approach the umpire regarding a disputed call and only after requesting and being granted a time out by the umpire.

## 5. Minimum Number of Players

A team may start a game with only 8 players present. Teams must finish a game with at least 8 players. If a team has less than eight players present at game time, the game shall be considered a forfeit. Notwithstanding the forfeit, for recreation and in the spirit of good sportsmanship, the game shall be played with borrowed players from the opposing team. Borrowed players shall be chosen by the opposing manager.

In the event a team knows in advance they will be short players, the manager must contact the Player Agent to receive a pool player. A manager is not at liberty to “hand select” additional players. The Player Agent will keep a list of running players to fill in as pool players. Pool players are not permitted to pitch.

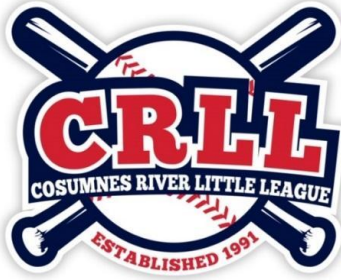
## 6. Umpires and Scorekeepers

In the event that no umpires are present at game time, and both managers agree, an adult may umpire the game. The home team shall provide the game scorekeeper/official pitch counter, whose pitch count total shall be considered the official count. This shall be done through Game Changer.

## 7. Scorekeeping/Pitch Count

Each team shall assign an official scorekeeper to keep track of the game through Game Changer. This will determine the official scoring for each game and accurately reflect the pitch count for each player. The Score keeper/manager shall inform the opposing team of any ineligible pitchers prior to the start of each game. The manager is responsible for adhering to all pitching/catching rules as outlined in the Little League Rule Book.

## 8. Field Preparation



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The home team shall be responsible for preparing the field for play - dragging the field (if needed), setting out the bases and chalking the base lines. The visiting team shall drag the field after the game and put the bases away. Each team shall be responsible for cleaning out its dugout and throwing away trash.

## **10. Division Champion**

The division Champion shall be determined as follows: A division with 2 teams will be determined based on the record between the two teams. In the event of a split record, an additional game may be played to determine the overall division winner. Divisions with 3 or more teams, a single elimination end of season tournament will determine the overall winner. The tournament shall be set up based on records. If there is an odd number of teams, the team(s) with the best record will receive a bye. Divisions with an even number of teams, the bracket will be set in the spirit of 1v4 and 2v3.

The division champion will be assigned to the A bracket for the end of season District Tournament and the runner-up team will be assigned to the B bracket.

## **11. Dugout Coaches**

A manager and three coaches only may occupy the dugout.

## **12. Runs Scored**

Little League rule 4.10(e), i.e. the "Ten Run Rule" and "15 Run Rule" shall apply during the regular season.

## **13. Local Rules**

If local rules are not followed, the incident is to be reported to the Division Coordinator, and the Cosumnes River Little League Board will determine if action/consequences are warranted.

## **14. Dropped Third Strike (Uncaught Third Strike):**

If a third strike is not caught, the ball is live and the batter is permitted to become a baserunner provided there are two outs (includes when bases are loaded), OR there are less than two outs, and first base is unoccupied.

***Notation: If you as a player, manager/coach, parent/guardian observe any of the above rules not being followed we encourage you to speak with the manager of the team directly, and try to resolve the issue before reporting it to the Division Coordinator. In the spirit of working together and modeling positive sportsmanship we, as a league, should take precautions to avoid formal "protests".***