

**Northwest Forsyth American Little League Spring 2026**  
**Major Baseball – Local Rules**

**The objective of Major Baseball is to have FUN learning the fundamentals of the game while providing as many opportunities (positions and innings) as possible for each player to play defense and bat.**

**Run Rule:** To meet our objectives, the league has adopted the fifteen and ten run rules (4.10e).

**Pool Play:** When a team knows they will not have sufficient players for a game, the Player Agent is to be contacted to provide the appropriate number of pool players for the game. Following Regulation V, Pool player that are called and show up for the game must play 9 consecutive outs and bat once. Per the regulation, the only restriction is that the player(s) cannot pitch.

**Time Limit:** Little league Rule 4.10 (c) local option 2 will be enforced. If the game has been played for 1 hour and 45 minutes, any inning which has been started prior to the time limit expiring will be completed. No new inning will begin once the time limit of 1 hour and 45 minutes has expired.

**Batting Order:** All players present shall be in the batting order for the entire game. Free defensive substitution. See rule 4.04.

**Rule 6.02c is enforced:** After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat unless the previous pitch results in a swing and miss, a foul ball or the batter must vacate the area to avoid being hit or involved in a play. The penalty is a strike called on the batter.

**Thrown Bat:** 1st offense = play stands; umpire calls time and issues warning. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense = play stands, umpire calls time and lets managers and official scorekeeper know that player is removed from game and may remain on the bench.

**No digging is allowed:** To maintain fields and prevent injuries, players may not dig while on defense. First offense is a warning, second offense is removal for that inning, and third offense is removal from the game.

**Base Coaches:** While on offense, a team may use two adult base coaches if desired provided an adult is in the dugout. For safety reasons, players must wear a helmet when acting as base coaches.

**Pitchers:** Little League Baseball pitch count Regulation VI applies.

**Courtesy Runners: Rule 2.00, 3.04, and 7.14** – For the Regular Season, allows a local league to implement a courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or catcher of record when there are two (2) outs during the Regular Season. Because continuous batting order is used, the "courtesy runner" must be the player in the batting order who made the last out. See 7.14(b).

**Slash Bunting:** Slash bunting is not permitted. This is an act by a batter to fake a bunt and then attempt to make a full swing on the same pitch. If attempted, the batter will be called out and all runners will return to their previously awarded bases.

Games will be played under the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball.

1.01, 4.04, 4.16, 4.17, and 6.05 – Start and play games with eight (8) players on each team. Teams shall skip over the ninth (9th) position without penalty.

The home team is required to line the field prior to the game. The visitor team is required to rake the field after the game.