

Golden Hill Little League

2019 Friendship Tournament Rules

Single A Division

1. Pitching –

- a. The player will pitch with balls and strikes called by the umpire.
 - b. If the batter gets three strikes he is retired.
 - c. There are no walks.
 - i. If the batter draws four balls, then one of the three approved coaches is brought in to pitch.
 - ii. The Coach will be allowed to pitch the number of remaining strikes.
 1. 0 Strikes, Coach gets 3 pitches.
 2. 1 Strike, Coach gets 2 pitches
 3. 2 Strikes, Coach gets 2 pitches. (If the first pitch is called a strike by the umpire, the batter is out. If it is a ball, the batter gets only one more pitch regardless of where it is thrown)
 - iii. If the batter fouls off the last pitch in the at bat, batter continues until:
 1. Batter takes last pitch (regardless of where the pitch is), the batter is out.
 2. Batter strikes out swinging.
 3. Ball is hit fair.
 - iv. While pitching, Coaches must pitch from the lower part of the mound in front of the rubber with both feet on the dirt at all times.
 - v. The Player playing the position of pitcher will stand with one foot in the dirt on the mound at a distance equal to the 46' pitchers plate. Player can stand on left or right side of the mound.
2. Bat the bench. Inning exchange after three outs, or 5 runs (see Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations).
- a. The last inning (declared to each manager by the umpire) is open batting for both the visiting and home team and batting continues until 3 outs are recorded.

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3. No bunting or slashing. A “slash” is defined as the act of showing or faking a bunt and then swinging at the pitch instead.

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4. There shall be no straight stealing, no advancing on passed balls, no advancing on any overthrows.
5. All batted balls in play are station to station except for batted balls to the outfield – A safely hit batted ball to the outfield shall be considered “delayed dead ball.” A base runner may advance extra base(s) at his own risk. Any base runner who was not at least halfway to the next base at the time the ball thrown in from the outfield reaches the vertical plane between the outfield grass and infield dirt, and who was not otherwise recorded as an out, shall at the conclusion of the play be sent back to the last base occupied when the thrown ball reached the infield dirt.
6. No infield fly rule will be enforced in the Single A Division.
7. Coaches shall substitute on defense and move players around liberally, using caution with catcher, pitcher, and first base.
 - a. The minimum playtime is three innings per player in a regulation game, which is defined as 4 complete innings. Therefore, on a 12 player or less roster, no player shall sit out more than 1 inning of the first 4 innings of a game. Also, no player shall sit out 2 innings in a row.
 - b. 6 defensive outs minimum in the infield in the first 5 innings.
 - c. 6 defensive outs maximum per position. Pitcher can remain in the position of pitcher for more than 6 defensive outs as long as they adhere to the GHLL local pitch count rules.

*Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis by GHLL Board of Directors in the event of a team carrying more than 12 players on their roster.

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8. A team who has not met the player minimum listed in Single A Division Local Rule 7 will forfeit the game and the manager and/or coach may be subject to disciplinary action by the GHLL Board of Directors.

9. Scores will be kept during games, ties will not be allowed.

10. Time limit – No new inning after 2 hours with no drop dead time.
 - a. The umpire keeps the official time and shall declare the start time upon the first pitch of the game.
 - b. Start time should be noted in the official/home team scorebook
 - c. If in the umpire’s judgment any manager, coach and/or player employs any “tactics designed to delay or shorten the game”, the umpire may eject the manager and/or coach involved in the conduct from the game, order the forfeiture of the game, and/or report the conduct to the Disciplinary Committee to consider whether suspension is warranted. (See Little League Rule 4.15 (6).)