

LONG LAKE MINORS BASEBALL RULES

ELIGIBILITY:

- All boys 9-12 years old as of May 1st of the current year are eligible.
- A player may not play in (2) different divisions.

TEAM PLACEMENT:

- Returning players may be placed on the same team as the prior year.
- Parents who are coaching can have their kids on their team. Although more assistant coaches are likely and desired to keep with the intent of the League's Team Placement rules, the league will recognize only (1) coach and (2) assistant coaches.
- The intent of these placement rules is to maintain parity in the league, with the emphasis on spreading out the pitching/catching, as well as ages of the players.

UNIFORMS:

- All jerseys are required to have identification numbers on them.
- All players should wear long pants, to avoid scrapes from sliding/falls on the infield.
- No metal spikes.
- The batter, on deck batter, all base runners, and the catcher must wear helmets.

HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Prepare field prior to game
- Chalk base lines and batter's box
- Supply the 2 game balls.

VISITING TEAM RESPONSIBILITY:

- Supply base umpire (if necessary)
- Clean up Field after game - always rake batters boxes and behind home plate, also rake/repair infield and pitchers' mound as needed

UMPIRES:

- Home plate umpire will keep track of balls and strikes, and make any calls at 3rd base and home plate.
- Base umpire makes any calls at 1st and 2nd base.
- Either umpire can call “time” to stop play.

BATS:

- All bats must be stamped with the Official Little League stamp. The stamp must be visible.
- Bat barrels will measure no greater than 2 5/8 inches.
- Bats may not exceed 34” in length.
- Bats with major dents or severely worn grips cannot be used.
- Both team coaches must agree that a questionable bat is acceptable, or it cannot be used.

FIELD:

- 1st and 3rd base will be 60 ft. from the rear of home plate.
- 2nd base will be 60ft from 1st and 3rd bases.
- The pitchers mound rubber will be 40 ft from the rear of home plate and centered between 1st and 3rd base.

TEAMS AND PLAYERS:

- The league will do its best to ensure that teams consist of a minimum of (10) ten players, and a maximum of (14) thirteen players.
- A team must field a minimum of (8) eight players, or they shall forfeit the game. The defensive team may have a maximum of (9) nine players in the field at any given time.

INFIELD POSITIONS (6):

- Pitcher, Catcher, 1st Baseman, 2nd Baseman, 3rd Baseman, Shortstop.

OUTFIELD POSITIONS (3):

- Left Fielder, Center Fielder, Right Fielder

COACHES:

- Coaches will act in a sportsmanlike manner.
- Base coaches are required for 1st and 3rd base.
- All coaches should remain in the coaching boxes (except for injuries) while their team is batting.

GENERAL GAME RULES:

1. Games will be (5) five innings long or estimated time of 90 minutes, the final inning starting can start no later than 8:20PM. The final inning must be announced to both coaches and the umpires prior to the start of the inning.
2. In the event of inclement weather, or time constraints under which a game might be called early, the game will be considered complete after (4) four innings, or (3-1/2) three and one-half innings, if the home team is ahead.
3. Any team's half of an inning will be considered over when (3) three outs have been made, or a total of (7) seven runs have been scored, with the exception of the last inning, where the number of runs allowed to score, for either team, is unlimited.
4. In the event of a Tie game, the teams can play up to a maximum of two innings to determine a winner. Any pitcher can pitch, but only for a one inning maximum. Play cannot continue beyond 2 hours from the start of the game.
5. Each player is to play no less than (2) full innings in the field each game, unless for injury, disciplinary reasons set forth by the coach, or if the mercy rule or the inclement weather rule is in effect. A player may not sit out more than one consecutive inning.
6. Free substitutions, including pitchers, may be made any time during the game, after the umpires have called "time."
7. All players are to remain inside the dugout unless they are on defense, batting, on deck, or running the bases.
8. No negative chatter from either team.
9. A batting order must be established before the game, and followed throughout the game.
10. Every player should be included in the batting line-up, even if they are not playing in the field.
11. Late players can be added at any time, to the end of the batting order. The other coach must be notified if a player is added after the game starts.

12. Pitchers are allowed to pitch 3 innings per game, 6 innings per week.
13. A player that pitches in any part of an inning shall have that inning count towards his 3 inning per game maximum.
14. A player may re-enter the game at pitcher only once.
15. An eligible player that replaces a pitcher during an inning, because of injury, does not have to count that partial inning towards his 3 inning per game maximum, or re-entry rule.
16. Pitchers are not allowed to throw curve balls.
17. Player can only advance one base on an overthrow.
18. Bunting is not allowed. Must be a full swing.
19. Infield fly rule is in effect.
20. Stealing is allowed, after the ball crosses home plate.
21. One base can be stolen at a time, including home.
22. On a walk, the hitter is awarded first, and any base runner forced to move because of the walk is awarded one bag.
23. If a time out has not been called, it is still considered a live ball, and base-runners can advance beyond the awarded bases. Like in the Major Leagues, when a catcher misses ball four, and it rolls to the backstop, most times a runner on 3rd will steal home and score.
24. Leading off is allowed, after the ball crosses home plate
25. Throwing the bat, whether it is accidental or otherwise, will not be tolerated. The batter will get only (1) one warning per game. If the bat is thrown a second time during that game, the batter will be automatically called out, and asked to return to the dugout. The batted ball will be declared a dead ball, and all base runners must return to the bases they were on before the ball was batted.

FANS:

It is every fan's right to cheer and support any player and/or team, keeping in mind the philosophy that our program is for the children, and their ability to enjoy this experience. If anyone's conduct should, in any way, dictate the outcome of a play or a game, by intimidating a player, team, coach or umpire, then it is in the children's best interest that the game not continue.

RULE CHANGES:

- Our goal is to have and maintain a consistent set of rules for each league.
- Each individual set of league rules has been written by coaches / members of that league.
- Each year, rules should be read, changed if needed, and agreed upon by a majority vote of the coaches in that league, before practices start.
- Rule changes can be made during the season, but only with unanimous approval from the coaches in that league.
- Each year, at the first coaches meeting, representatives will be chosen for each league, to be the main contact person for that league. These representatives will handle questions / details / rule changes that pertain to their individual league. Current league representatives are listed under the "League Contact Info" tab.
- All rule changes need to be reported to the League Director.

