

LITTLE LEAGUE "ROOKIE" DIVISION 2008 SPECIAL PLAYING RULES
(ALL OTHER RULES ARE COVERED IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK)

1. THE GAME

- A. No new inning shall start after one hour and fifteen minutes.
- B. Postponed games shall be rescheduled within two weeks or as soon as feasible.

2. UMPIRES

Each inning, the manager of the offensive team will umpire.

3. DEFENSIVE LINE UP

- A. Each team shall field all players on defense. All players except the pitcher and catcher may be positioned, as the manager desires. All players must be on the field of play except the catcher.
- B. The fielding pitcher must be positioned within a circle around the pitcher's mound, which is **eight feet in diameter**.
- C. A defensive player making a play to any base ahead of the runner suspends play. (Overthrows: **the runner does not advance**. Encourage the throw, provided it is in a timely manner.) Example: runners on second and third, the hitter hits the ball to the pitcher. The pitcher overthrows first base. If the runners were running before the first base person missed the ball they may advance one base. If they were not running they may not advance.
- D. The infield fly rule shall not be enforced.

4. END OF AN INNING

- A. After the last batter in the line up bats.
- B. When the last batter comes to the plate, the offensive manager shall inform the defensive team "last batter".
- C. Encourage the last batter to run as far as possible, **without** running into an obvious out. (DO NOT TEACH THE CHILDREN TO RUN INTO AN OUT). Often times a coach tells the last hitter to keep running no matter if he/she will be out or has already made an out. This is not a good teaching technique and has lead to injuries. **This will not be tolerated!**

5. BATTING

- A. The batting order shall be the entire team roster. Changing the batting order from game to game is encouraged. This will allow all players to run the bases.

- B. No flip flopping the batting order each inning.
 - C. Managers may exchange batting order lists prior to the start of a game.
 - D. Players arriving after the start of play and after their turn at bat has passed must wait until their turn comes again before they can come to bat.
 - E. There are no strikeouts. After the fifth swing the manager or coach shall place the ball on the tee, unless the 5th, 6th, 7th, etc... is a foul ball.
 - F. A hit is any fair ball, which moves further than six feet from the batting tee. There shall be a chalked mark on the playing field in an arc, which is six feet in front of home plate for purposes of determining a hit.
 - G. There will be no practice swings (Please adhere to this rule).
 - H. There shall be no on deck hitter.
6. PITCHING
- A. The offensive adult manager/coach shall pitch **overhand** and from a **standing** position within the pitcher's circle.
 - B. If a batted ball hits the pitcher, the ball is considered in play.
7. BASE RUNNING
- A. Runners shall not leave the bases until the ball is batted.
 - B. Runners may advance only as a result of a hit ball.
 - C. Base coaches, who must be adults, shall not touch the base runner at any time.
8. DIVISION STANDING AND PLAYOFF
- A. No official league standing will be kept.
 - B. Do not keep score.
9. BASE COACHES
- A. Additional **adult** coaches may base coach each base.
 - B. The manager or coach must request time before attempting to demonstrate a technique or explain a play to the players during the progress of the game. (Keep it short)
 - C. Defensive adult manager/coaches may position themselves in the field (behind the infield) to assist the defensive team (two only).
10. OTHER SPECIAL RULES

- A. Catchers may use a regular playing mitt.
- B. Only one player at a time is allowed to handle a bat.
- C. All players are to remain in the dugout area and seated on the bench in their batting order when not on the playing field.
- D. Bases shall be 40' apart.
- E. The pitcher's mound shall be 36' from the front of the pitcher's mound to the tip (rear) of home plate.
- F. The manager/coach of the offensive team is the only person to place the ball on the tee.
- G. The manager/coach of the offensive team shall be responsible for positioning the catcher. Keep the catcher at least 6' from the tee when hitting to avoid being hit by the bat.
- H. The home team shall chalk the field, place the bases out.
- I. The visiting team shall return the bases to the appropriate storage area.