

## PLACENTIA LITTLE LEAGUE "A" DIVISION 2010 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 thirty minutes.
  - B. Postponed or non-completed games shall be rescheduled within two weeks or as soon as feasible by the "Scheduler".
2. UMPIRES
  - A. Coach Pitch: The offensive team will supply all umpires. The adult pitcher shall assume the role of plate umpire. The first and third base coaches shall serve as base umpires.
  - B. Player Pitch: Volunteers from other divisions shall be scheduled by Umpire in Chief.
3. DEFENSIVE LINE UP
  - A. Each team shall field ten players on defense (if available).
  - B. Each eligible player shall play a minimum of three innings (9 defensive outs) and bat at least once in each regulation game. **This also applies in a 10-run rule or a shortened game. A complete half inning stopped as a result of the 5-run rule is equal to playing a 3 out inning.**
  - C. No player shall be on the bench for more than one (1) consecutive inning.
  - D. Should a player fail to play three defensive innings (**excluding injury only**) he/she shall start the next scheduled game **he/she attends and play the entire game. (This complete game shall not count as specified in Rule 10A.)**
  - E. The fielding pitcher must be positioned within a circle around the pitcher's mound, which is fifteen feet in diameter.
  - F. Any fielded ball returned within the pitchers circle suspends play except for the runner proceeding to first base. The ball needs to be within the control of any fielder within the pitchers circle. (Runners more than half way to the next base and make it safely will be awarded the base.)
  - G. If the pitcher or any other fielder has control of the ball inside the circle and makes an attempt to make a play on a runner, play continues.
  - H. The infield fly rule shall not be enforced.

4. PITCHING

A. First half of the season

1. Each team will supply a coach to pitch to their own team's batters for the first half of the season.
2. The adult pitcher must pitch overhand, **standing** from the pitcher's mound or from a distance of 30 feet from the front edge of the plate.
3. Once the adult has pitched the ball, he/she will not interfere with defensive play unless, in his/her judgment, a player is about to be endangered. He/she should not touch any ball being returned to the pitching area when there is a live ball.
4. Should a batted ball hit the adult pitcher; the ball will continue to be "in play".
5. Up to five pitches will be allowed each batter unless the ball is hit foul on the batter's third strike. Should the batter have two strikes against him/her and then hit his/her fifth pitch foul, he/she will be allowed an additional pitch. This shall continue until he/she hits a fair ball, strikes out or fails to swing at the ball in which case he/she will be called out.
6. No walks will be allowed and there will be no "called strikes". A batter must swing at the ball and miss it or foul the ball off in order to earn a strike.
7. Both managers shall be notified by the home team scorekeeper when the last batter comes to bat. A two out situation shall be assumed when the last batter comes to bat. The last batter situation shall be over when:
  - a. The batter strikes out.
  - b. The batter flies or grounds out.
  - c. Any base runner is tagged out or forced out.
  - d. A player with the ball touches any base ahead of the runner. This is considered the third out.
  - e. The ball is returned to the pitcher after a play has been attempted on a runner. This shall end the inning. (Keep in mind that if the runner is half the distance from third to home and makes it safely, the run shall count.)

B. Pitching Second Half of the Season:

1. Each team will be expected to field a youth pitcher for the second half of the season. Managers are "encouraged" to allow each player to pitch at least one inning during the season.
2. Little League 2010 Pitching Regulations Option One shall apply for the season and throughout the playoffs.

3. No walks will be allowed, but there will be "called" strikes with three strikes constituting an out.
4. Any batter which is hit by a pitch from a youth pitcher shall be awarded first base.
5. Youth pitchers will pitch to a batter until the batter strikes out, hits safely, hits into an out, receives four balls or hits a batter.
6. At the point when a batter receives four balls, the adult pitcher will commence pitching and pickup the existing strike count on the batter. A maximum of 5 pitches will be allowed by the adult pitcher. The number of pitches is determined by 5 pitches minus the number of existing strikes on the batter. Should the batter have two strikes against him/her and then hit his/her last pitch foul, he/she will be allowed an additional pitch. This shall continue until he/she hits a fair ball, strikes out or fails to swing at the ball in which case he/she will be called out. (Called strikes still apply.)
7. The strike zone will be from the top of the shoulder to the bottom of the knee, and the width of the strike zone will be extended to one ball width on either side of the plate.
8. When a pitcher takes position at the beginning of each inning, that pitcher shall be permitted to pitch no more than eight preparatory pitches not to consume more than one minute of time. Additional pitches should be allowed by the umpire during inclement weather.

5. BATTING

- A. The batting order shall be the entire team roster.
- B. Any player arriving after the start of the game shall be added to the end of the batting order.
- C. Three outs or 5 runs scored shall constitute a team's offensive half inning.
  - 1.) *Exception: For the 6<sup>th</sup> inning only, three outs or after the entire batting line-up has batted shall constitute a team's offensive half-inning.*
    - a.) *Note: The maximum number of batters for this exception is equal to the number of batters in the line-up of the team with the fewest players on game day.*
- D. Bunts will not be allowed.
- E. The manager or coach from the defensive team shall be positioned behind the catcher to retrieve passed balls. This will speed up the game.

6. BASE RUNNING

- A. Runners may advance only as a result of a hit ball.

- B. When a batted ball is hit in fair play, and the fielder, while intending to throw the batter out at first base, inadvertently overthrows the ball to first base and the ball hits the fence marking the boundary of the field of play the ball is dead and considered "out of play". (Each runner including the batter shall advance two bases from the position of the runners at the time the ball was pitched.)
7. DIVISION STANDINGS AND PLAYOFFS – Winner of 1<sup>st</sup> half (kid pitch) plays winner of 2<sup>nd</sup> (kid pitch) for division championship.
8. PROTESTS (IN ADDITION TO LL RULEBOOK)
- A. Every effort must be made to avoid protest. When submitting a written protest, an explanation must be included that clearly outlines steps taken to avoid the protest. If it is evident to the protest committee that little or no attempt was made to avoid the incident in question, the protest may be rejected.
  - B. All individuals involved in a protest shall be notified of the protest and the alleged infraction. All individuals involved in the protest shall be notified of the date, time and place of the hearing at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled protest hearing.
  - C. In addition to a written protest, each manager may submit to the protest committee, either in writing or orally, a supplementary report regarding the alleged infraction. The protest committee shall have the power to request supplementary reports, either in writing or orally, from one or both managers regarding the alleged infraction.
9. OTHER SPECIAL RULES
- A. Each player shall play one complete game per half of season.
  - B. **The pitcher's mound shall be 36' (new) from the front of the pitcher's mound to the tip (rear) of home plate.**
  - C. Bases shall be 60' apart.
  - D. During **coach pitch**, one manager or coach may stand behind the infield to assist fielders in positioning. No managers behind the infield once kid pitch starts.
  - E. Balls shall be R.I.F only.
  - F. Manager or Coach may warm-up the pitcher.
  - G. Home team shall prepare and setup field. The visiting team shall return all items to the appropriate storage areas.

**SHOULD A MANAGER/COACH VIOLATE PLAYING TIME RULES (3B, 3C, 3D, 10A) THE MANAGER/COACH WILL RECEIVE A WRITTEN NOTICE, ONE TO MULTIPLE GAME SUSPENSION AND OR SUSPENSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.**