



## 2021 GENERAL RULES

- **FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN BY ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES AT ALL TIMES.**
- **No glass bottles allowed in the dugouts.**
- **Players should hustle off and onto the field.**
- **Catcher should be ready before the team at bat ends.**

### PRE-GAME FIELD RESPONSIBILITIES

- Home team prepares the field for play (water, rake, line, paint, etc.).
- Tarps must be rolled up around tubes and stored under bleachers between fields.
- Chalk goes on infield dirt; paint goes on outfield grass.
  - Outfield paint only needs to go on once a week, after mowing.
- Sweep caked-on dirt from the tops of base foundations to ensure bases securely hold.

### POST-GAME / PRACTICE FIELD CLEANUP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Visiting team puts field away at end of game (rake, tarp, etc.).
- Always remove bases and store in storage shed or dugout (if no shed available).
- Sweep your team's dugout.
- Dispose of garbage and recycling from your team's dugout.
- Raking
  - Always rake **away** from the grass.
  - Rake up or down the baseline, not side to side (to prevent valleys).
  - Raking to fill holes will help prevent bad hops.
  - **DO NOT** rake over base foundations.
  - Fill in and tamp holes at pitcher's mound, batter's boxes, and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bases where players slide.
  - Rake dirt **toward** the top of the pitcher's mound.
  - **Most importantly:** don't remove dirt from the fields.
- Cover pitcher's mound and home plate with tarps; **DO NOT LEAVE TARPS ON THE GRASS.**

**It is BOTH TEAMS' responsibilities to work together to achieve these goals.  
Thank you for your help keeping these fields in great shape!**

# Rules of Play – Single A

## Time

- 90-minute time limit with the first 45 minutes being a practice/skill building combined session with joint coaching. The second 45 minutes will be a game. Each team must bat an equal number of times.

## Coaching

- Coaches may coach from the field. Parents may not coach from the field unless instructed by the coach and confirmed volunteer application processed.
- A background checked adult must remain in the dugout at all times during play.

## Batting

- All players will be in the batting order. The away team bats first.
  - The batting order should be reversed each game OR the coach should begin with the player who was due up when the last out was made in the last game.
- A batting tee MUST be used after 6 pitches.
- Each half-inning ends when the defensive team records 3 outs OR the offensive team bats through the order, whichever comes first.
- There is no leading or stealing by the base runners.
- The team at bat may only have one batter outside the dugout (the batter).
- A parent for the batting team must be behind home plate collecting passed balls in a bucket to move speed of play.

## Pitching

- All pitching is to be done by a coach from the team on offense. Players that demonstrate ability to pitch can start pitching halfway through season. Pitchers will throw 3 pitches per batter with the coach stepping in to pitch. Player pitcher limited to 3 batters per game.
- The coach will pitch until the batter puts the ball in play OR until the player swings at 6 pitchers. After 6 pitches, the batting tee will be brought out and the batter will then put the ball in play from the tee. There are no strikeouts or walks.

## Fielding

- All players will play in the field.
- Players must be rotated into different positions in each inning.
- Coach should backup catcher during the game.

# Rules of Play – Double A

Double A will be subject to all rules and regulations as spelled out in the Little League Rules and Regulations for Baseball Divisions, with the following amendments:

## Time

- Games have a 2-hour time limit. Semi-Final and Final games are six innings.

## Batting

- All players will be in the batting order. The away team bats first.
- Each half-inning ends when the defensive team records 3 outs OR 5 runs are scored, whichever comes first.
- There is no 10-run rule in effect in AA; keep the kids playing (by coaches' agreement).
- Stealing home is allowed.
- The team at bat may only have one batter outside the dugout (the batter).

## Pitching

- All pitchers are subject to the Little League International pitching rules. (section V-1-Pitchers: Age is determined by Little League rules)
- Pitch counts should be kept by both teams for any player who throws a pitch. This is on the honor system and must be disclosed to the other team upon request.
- After 3 walks per inning, coach pitch with whatever the count is once 4 balls have been thrown to a subsequent batter. New pitchers do not get an additional 3 walks.

## Fielding

- 10 players are allowed in the field if both teams have 10 players. If one team has 11 and the other 10 (or any combination other than 10 and 10) 9 players will play in the field.

## Game Score / Pitch Counts

- Home team manager is responsible for sending game scores and pitch counts to [shelburnell@gmail.com](mailto:shelburnell@gmail.com) at the completion of the game.

# Rules of Play – Triple A

Triple A will be subject to all rules and regulations as spelled out in the Little League Rules and Regulations for Baseball Divisions, with the following amendments:

## Time

- Games have a 1:45 time limit. Playoff games are six innings, with no time limit.
- Game **CAN** end in a tie; half win in standings is awarded.

## Batting

- All players will be in the batting order. The away team bats first.
- Each half-inning ends when the defensive team records 3 outs OR 5 runs are scored, whichever comes first. (rule does not apply in playoffs).
- The 10-run mercy rule is in effect for all games. If after 4 innings (3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead), one team has a lead of 10 or more runs, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede victory to the opponent. Note: If the visiting team has the lead the home team must bat in their half of the inning.
- Stealing home is allowed.
- Slide or avoid at all bases is in effect; failure to comply results in an **Out**.
- The team at bat may only have one batter outside the dugout (the batter).

## Pitching

- There is No Balk rule at this level. Warning and Correction ONLY as this level.
- All pitchers are subject to the Little League International pitching rules. (section V-1-Pitchers: Age is determined by Little League rules)
- Pitch counts should be kept by both teams for any player who throws a pitch. This is on the honor system and must be disclosed to the other team upon request.

## Fielding

- 10 players (4 outfielder positioned on grass) are allowed in the field if both teams have 10 or more players. (9 players in field during playoffs)

## Game Score / Pitch Counts

- Home team manager is responsible for sending game scores and pitch counts to [shelburnell@gmail.com](mailto:shelburnell@gmail.com) at the completion of the game.

## Umpiring

- Home team will provide an adult umpire if there is only one youth umpire (assistant coach if necessary). Can be shared by agreement.

# Rules of Play – Majors

Majors will be subject to all rules and regulations as spelled out in the Little League Rules and Regulations for Baseball Divisions, with the following amendments:

## **Batting**

- All players will be in the batting order (including during playoffs).
- The team at bat may only have one batter outside the dugout (the batter).

## **Game Score / Pitch Counts**

- Home team manager is responsible for sending game scores and pitch counts to [shelburnell@gmail.com](mailto:shelburnell@gmail.com) at the completion of the game.