

## **2010 Playing Rules and Regulations**

### **For AAA Division**

1. All games shall be played in accordance with the official Little League rules, the by-laws of Auburn Little League and the following playing rules and regulations.
2. Coaches and umpires shall review the rules and regulations and, when necessary, establish the field boundaries and characteristic to the particular playing field.
3. The home team is responsible for layout of the field, including bases. Layout will be completed 20-30 minutes before the scheduled start of the game, including cones at 200 feet.
4. The home team shall provide 2 new balls for the game balls. Visiting team shall provide backup ball
5. When a league umpire is not available, the home team shall provide the plate umpire, and the visiting team will provide the field umpire. If gear is available, the game will be called from behind the plate.
6. Each player must play at least every other inning (sitting out two consecutive innings is not allowed). Violations of this rule should be reported to the division director.
7. Both teams must police all playing and spectator areas after each game for garbage.
8. Both managers shall report the game score and other required information to the division director for their respective division the same evening that the game is played. Please refer to the league policy manual scorekeeping section for additional information.
9. Each coach shall be held responsible for the conduct of their players, themselves, and their spectators. The plate umpire has the right to ask any offender(s) to leave the field. Any such incident is to be reported to the division director the same day.
10. Alcoholic beverages or firearms are prohibited at all games and practices. Tobacco products or firearms are prohibited on the playing field, school property, and in the dugouts at all times.
11. Game chatter between offensive and defensive teams is prohibited. However, players may give encouraging chatter to their own teammates.
12. A complete game will consist of six (6) innings. All six innings will be player-pitch, three out baseball. There will be a maximum of 5 runs scored per inning the continuation of the game will occur but scoring in the book will only allow a maximum of 5 runs scored. In the 6<sup>th</sup> inning unlimited runs will be allowed except in the case of the 10 run rule. The 10 run rule applies after the completion of 4 innings of play

13. Game Duration:

- A) Weather and field conditions prior to game - the coaches and umpire shall inspect the field prior to play to determine if the field is playable. After the line-ups have been exchanged, it will be the plate umpire's decision as to whether the game shall be played or postponed.
- B) Darkness - if, in the umpire's opinion, darkness is hampering the game, play will be stopped.
- C) Rain - if, in the umpire's opinion, rain is hampering the game, play will be stopped.

14. Scorekeepers should check the score and pitch count and agree on totals after each 1/2 inning. The scorekeeping for the home team will be the official scorer.

15. Catchers must wear a facemask attached to a helmet; a throat protector attached to the mask, a chest protector, and shin guards. All male catchers must wear a hard cup. It is strongly advised that every male player wear a hard cup.

16. 12-year-old players cannot pitch. Pitchers shall pitch from 46 feet.

17. Bat the bench rule applies.

18. The pitch count policy set by National Little League will be used. Please refer to Auburn Little Leagues policy manual, scorekeeping section for additional information.

19. **(New for 2009)** A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of the day.

20. **(New for 2009)** All non wood bats will have a bat performance factor (BPF) of 1.15 or less written on them from the manufacturer.

**Playoffs:**

All teams in the AAA Division will participate in the post season tournament. This tournament will have no bearing on the final outcome of the season. This will be a single elimination tournament format. Division rules will apply to the tournament.

**Pitching:** Tournament rules will apply except no 12 year olds can pitch.

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