

2010 PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR A BASEBALL

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 characteristics 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. When a league umpire is not available, the home team shall provide the plate umpire, and the visitor's team will provide the field umpire. If gear is available, the game will be called from behind the plate.
5. 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 league director.
6. Both teams must police all playing and spectator areas after each game.
7. Both managers shall report the game score and other required information to the division director for their respective division the same evening the game is played. Please refer to scorekeeping section of 2009 policy manual.
8. Players will not wear jewelry, pins or objects, which could injure the wearer or any other player.
9. The home team shall provide a two (2) new balls for the game. The visiting team shall provide a back-up.
10. Each coach shall be held responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players, coaches, 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.
11. If, in the umpire's opinion, a batter deliberately throws a bat or uses a bat in any unnatural or dangerous manner, he or she will be automatically out and may be ejected from the game at the umpire's discretion.
12. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all games and practices. Tobacco products are prohibited on the playing field, school property, and in the dugouts at all times.
13. Game chatter between offensive and defensive teams is prohibited. However, players may give encouraging chatter to their own teammates.
14. The batter, all base runners and players coaching bases, shall wear protective helmets. If one of the above does not have a helmet on, play will be stopped until a helmet is provided. Base runners that accidentally lose the helmet while running bases may continue running until play is

complete, but if a base runner deliberately removes his helmet while running bases, they will be sent back one base from the last base attained.

15. Game Duration:

A. Weather and field conditions prior to game - the manager 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 - when the plate umpire determines that it is too dark to safely continue play, play will be stopped.

C. Rain - If, in the umpire's opinion, rain is hampering the game, play will be stopped.

D. No new innings will be allowed after **2 hours** from the actual start of the game. The actual start time will be the scheduled start time with the following exceptions:

- 1) Fields are not accessible/playable
- 2) Umpires are late or are a no show
- 3) Not enough players to start the game

If one of these exceptions are met – both managers and umpire will agree on actual start time and it will be recorded in both scorebooks prior to the start of the game.

16. Team coaches shall exchange line-ups and batting orders.

17. A complete game will consist of six (6) innings or 2 ½ hours whichever comes first. All six-innings will be player-pitch, three out baseball.

A. Each half inning shall end when three outs have been made or five runs have been scored, whichever comes first.

B. Continuation of the play will occur, however in scoring the inning only 5 runs will count in the score book.

C. There is no 10 run rule.

D. Stealing bases is not permitted.

E. If a player is **unable** to bat, (i.e., illness, school activity etc) their position will not be an out.

F. If the player **refuses** to bat, they will be considered out. If a player is ejected from the game, his batting location will be an automatic out and remain an out throughout the game.

G. The entire roster bats in order. (Bench Bat Rule)

18. Each team may use up to 10 players. A player may be used in the outfield between first and second on the outfield side of the baseline or one player in the outfield between second and third on the outfield side of the baseline. These players must be at least 15 feet into the outfield. Unlimited substitutions are allowed throughout the entire game.

19. Scorekeepers will check the score and pitch count and agree on totals after each ½ inning. The scorekeeping for the home team will be the official scorer.

20. Infield fly rule will apply.

21. 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 also wear a hard cup. It is strongly advised that every male player wears a cup.

22. Pitchers will pitch from 40 feet.
23. The pitch count policy set by National Little League will be used. Please refer to the league policy manual scorekeeping section for additional information.
24. Age 7-8 pitchers can only throw 50 pitches in one game. Once the pitcher reaches this limit they may continue to pitch until one of the three conditions is met: the batter is out, reaches base or the third out is made to complete the inning.
25. **(New For 2009)** A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches a game cannot play as catcher for the rest of the day.
26. **(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:

Division Champion will be determined by the best overall record and that team will receive a championship trophy.

The standings for A baseball have no effect on tournament placement. The main goal of this division is to (1) have fun and (2) increase the skill level of each child playing and not focusing on winning and losing. We need to prepare the kids to move to the next level of play. This means all of the players. The VP of Baseball will draw picks for the tournament.

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