

LAMAR LITTLE LEAGUE

VARSIITY/MAJOR DIVISION GROUND RULES

FALL 2009

All competition is to be conducted under official Little League rules. Refer to the Minor League Official Regulations and Playing Rules. The following are Lamar Little League local rules. They are intended only as additions to the official Little League rules. All pitching stats must be recorded in the official scorebook. No Exceptions!

1. All games must start on time. The length of the game is determined from the scheduled starting time. If a prior game concludes one minute before the next scheduled start time, the managers must have their teams take the field immediately and start on time. The instance in which the scheduled start time will be waived is when a prior game actually encroaches on the scheduled start of a following game. In that case, time limits will begin five minutes from the end of the prior game.
2. All games will be a maximum of (6) six innings in length. No new inning will start after (1) one hour & 45 minutes from the scheduled start time. A drop dead time limit will be enforced at (2) two hours & 5 minutes. If the drop dead rule is applied, the score will revert back to the score at the end of the previous inning. To help speed up play, the umpires, managers, and coaches should allow no more than 60 seconds between innings or sides retired. Time outs are limited to one offensive and defensive time out per inning with no more per game than specified in the official rules. LL rule 4.15 (6) page 64 of the 2009 Playing rules "A game may be forfeited by the umpire-in-chief of the game in progress to the opposing team when a team – (6) employs tactics designed to delay or shorten the game.
3. There shall be a maximum of 5 runs allowed per inning for the first 3 innings of play. After 3 innings, there shall be no run limit. The 10-run rule applies after four (4) innings or three (3) 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead.
4. If time runs out before a game is "official" (four complete or 3-1/2 innings if the home team is ahead), the game will be stopped and resumed later in its entirety. Any suspended games must be rescheduled with the approval of the Division VP.
5. All players on the roster will bat in continuous order. Note: All player participation rules will be enforced and are the responsibility of the manager. Free substitution of defensive players is allowed.
6. A player who arrives after the start of the game will be inserted at the bottom of the batting order.
7. Base coaches will consist of two adults or one adult and one player or two players. No defensive coaches will be allowed on the field. They will remain in the dugout. No on-deck batters are allowed per official Little League rules.
8. Rain-out games will be rescheduled by the Division VP. **For rain-out information, call 713-238-5567 after 4:30 PM on game day. Please restrict this number to managers and coaches only.**
9. The infield fly rule is in effect.
10. The home team shall be responsible for providing an official scorekeeper and pitch counter. Every half inning the managers must go to the official scorekeeper to verify the pitching record for their pitcher. After the game, the scorekeeper shall have both team managers and Umpire-in-Chief sign the scorebook and pitching cards. The visitor team shall be responsible for operating the scoreboard. Both managers must report their pitching results to the league Secretary via email no later than 10:00AM the following day.

NOTE: BOTH MANAGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- A. **Conduct of the players and parents before, during, and after the game.**

- B. **Cleaning the dugouts and grandstand areas around the field after the game.**
- C. **Raking and preparing the field for play and raking the field and returning equipment to the container at the end of games for the day/night. After the game, both teams are responsible for dragging, raking and watering the infield, putting away the equipment, and picking up trash in and around the dugouts and bleachers. The equipment containers/batting cage combination is 1101.**
- D. **Smoking is not allowed by the dugouts, grandstands or by the field fence lines.**
- E. **Alcohol is not allowed in the park and will be enforced by the Richmond Police.**

Pitching Rules

1 - 20 pitches = 0 days of rest and No Game rest

21 - 40 pitches = 1 day of rest and 1 game rest

41 - 60 pitches = 2 days of rest and 1 game

61+ pitches = 3 days of rest and 1 game

11 and 12 Year Olds - 70 pitch maximum per player per game

10 Year Olds – 60 pitch maximum per player per game

Pitch counts must be reported to the League Secretary by 10:00 A.M. the day following a game.