

Lincoln Park American Little League
2012 Minor A Ground Rules

1. Every player in attendance, their name **MUST** appear in your scorebook. (Players last name and first initial). Please report any injured, absent or Disciplinary case(s) to the opposing manager. Contact Michelle Hardesty at (313)384-8724 in advance of disciplining any child(ren) to explain reasons for the action and to receive permission to discipline!
2. All players in attendance will participate in every game for a minimum of Six (6) defensive outs and Continuous batting order will be used.
PENALTY: The involved player WILL start the next physically played game, complete the previous game requirements and the mandatory requirements for the current game before being removed.

The Manager shall for the:

- A. First Offense – receive a verbal/written reprimand
- B. Second Offense – receive suspension for the next physically played game.
- C. Third Offense – receive a suspension for the remainder of the season and hearing before disciplinary committee.

Note 1: If the violation occurs in a game shortened by curfew, darkness, weather, etc. the league may elect not to impose a penalty.

Note 2: If the violation is determined to have been intentional by the Board of Directors a more severe penalty may be imposed. However, forfeiture of a game in question is not an option.

3. A continuous batting order will be observed. One inning will be considered as one time through the batting order or 3 outs or 5 runs are scored, whichever comes first. (see rule 4.04). An out is an out. Player will return to bench. No exceptions
4. Last inning due to, but not limited to, time limit nearing, runs ahead (mercy rule), or innings played, 5 run rule is not in effect for either team. Play ball. Use sportsmanship in your coaching decision
5. A player once removed from the mound may not return as a pitcher in the Same game. [Section VI, subsection (b)].
Note: Reference Section VI, subsection (i) for violations and protests of pitchers.

6. Substitutions: refer to section 3.08.
7. There must be two (2) base coaches on the field during the offensive teams time at bat. The two coaches may be both adults as long as there is a third adult in the dugout. One (1) adult must be on the bench at **ALL** times. Otherwise one base coach must be an adult and the other a uniformed child with a helmet.
8. When a manager is ejected from a game, they shall leave the area immediately and have no further involvement in the game. They may not sit in the stands and may not be recalled. **A manager or coach ejected from a game must not be present at the game site for the remainder of the game.** Any manager, coach or player ejected from a game is also suspended for the team's next physically played game and may not be in attendance at the game site from which they are suspended. [4.07]. Any **Player** ejected from the game, shall take no further part in the game and must sit on the bench until a parent or guardian can remove them from the area. They may not sit in the stands or be recalled.
9. **No cell** phones will be permitted during any game.
10. Managers are responsible for assuring ALL participants are safe. Verify All Bats meet regulations. Throat guards are in use. Safety is not limited to just listed subjects. You are our first line of defense in keeping our people safe.
11. You will receive a complete schedule. Rainout games will not be made up. Games cancelled due to School events will not be made up. Coaches canceling games will be made up on Sundays. **Note:** This is to curb any intentional cancellation of games. Every opportunity will be taken not to schedule games on known school.
12. One hour and forty five minute (1:45) time limit! Please take the time and write the starting time of your game in your scorebook and confirm with the umpires. No inning shall start after the limit but an inning in progress may be completed. The pitch counters will confer with the umpire after each inning to confirm the number of pitches pitched that inning.
13. Continuous batting order will be in effect.
14. The All-Star Manager will be selected by the All-Star committee with approval of the Board of Directors from all managers meeting required qualification requirements. All-Star Team to be announced on June 15.

15. Players not showing at practice or games for seven days without hearing from the parent's, must be reported to the Player Agent (Michelle Hardesty (313.384.8724). No injured or ill players will be allowed on the field at any time without a doctors written permission slip. No Casts on players or Adults on field of play is permitted.
16. Umpires will be supplied if available. Each coaching staff will decide how rotation will happen if umpiring task needs to be performed. Umpiring behind mound is acceptable. Home team supplies umpire (if necessary) unless other arrangements are agreed upon. Sue Machczynski (313)608.3274 must be contacted by Manager if Work Deposit is to be granted for umpiring. One umpire May be used in this division..
17. When playing crossover or games between Leagues HOME field ground rules SHALL be followed. Managers responsibility to review changes with opposing Manager.
18. Contacts: Michelle Hardesty – (313)384.8724 Player Questions or Issues
Dave Dudley – (313)384.7996 for Division Questions or Issues
Jamie Roach – (313)995.5587 for Safety Questions or concerns
Linda Pace – (313)587.9034 Concession
Phil Machczynski – (313)801.7422 Equipment
Christine Renaud – (313)505.1706 Equipment / Uniforms
Sue Machczynski – (313)608-3274 Umpiring or Rules, Questions or Issues.
19. Don't let the problem grow if one of the contacts can't help you. Come to the Meetings and bring it to the Board for review. All Board Members can be contacted via e-mail. See Website www.lpall.net for contact information. We can only fix it or try if we know about it. Be heard by your Board.
20. Anything not covered by these ground rule refer to Little League rule book.
21. When Games are cancelled, the use of Fields is Prohibited

Lets have a great season. Play Ball

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