

## Simsbury Little League - Baseball Local Rules Summary (March 2018)

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		Farm League		Minors League		Majors Division
Little League - Official Regulations & Playing Rules		Tball	A	AA	AAA	
Pitching	<u>Regulation VIII(d)</u> : A local league may elect to adopt adult pitch in Minor League games; <u>Regulation I</u> : T-ball may utilize the tee or coach pitching	No pitching; hit from tee. Managers may elect to introduce coach pitch during the last 3 games of the season; only the last 2 innings ( <i>Local Rule 15</i> )	Pitching Machine is used ( <i>Local Rule 14</i> )	Transition from pitching machine to 3 innings of Player pitch ( <i>Local Rule 13</i> ). Player pitcher is relieved by coach pitcher after 4 walks/HBP in an inning.	N/A	N/A
Continuous Batting Order	<u>Rule 4.04</u> - Continuous batting order is mandatory for all Tball and Minor League Divisions; See <i>Batting Order Definition</i> .	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous ( <i>Local Rule 6.1</i> )
# of Players in the Outfield and Infield	<u>Rule 1.01</u> - Minor League: A game is between 2 teams of 9 players each; Tball: A game is between 2 teams.	No limit; but only 5 may be in the infield ( <i>Local Rule 15</i> )	Max of 12 (6 infield; remaining in outfield) - depends on # of players ( <i>Local Rule 14</i> )	10 (6 infield; 4 outfield); ( <i>Local Rule 13</i> )	N/A	N/A
# coaches in dugout	<u>Rule 3.17</u> : No one except eligible players in uniform, a manager and not more than 2 coaches shall be in the dugout.	A manager and up to 3 coaches are permitted in the dugout ( <i>Local Rule 15</i> )	A manager and up to 3 coaches are permitted in the dugout ( <i>Local Rule 14</i> )	A manager and up to 3 coaches are permitted in the dugout ( <i>Local Rule 13</i> )	A manager and up to 3 coaches are permitted in the dugout ( <i>Local Rule 12</i> )	N/A
Fielding Coaches	<u>Rule 1.01</u> - A game is under the direction of a manager and not more than 2 rostered coaches.	A maximum of 3 coaches may assist players on the field ( <i>Local Rule 15</i> )	In addition to the adult pitcher, 2 additional coaches may be on the field for coaching purposes ( <i>Local Rule 14</i> )	N/A	N/A	N/A
Walks	<u>Rule 6.08</u> - The batter becomes a runner when four "balls" have been called by the umpire.	There are no walks in T-ball ( <i>Local Rule 15</i> )	There are no walks in Farm A ( <i>Local Rule 14</i> )	The batter does not become a runner on walks during kid's pitch ( <i>Local Rule 13</i> )	N/A	N/A
Strikeouts	<u>Rule 6.04</u> - A batter has completed their time at bat when he/she is put out.	There are no strikeouts in T-ball ( <i>Local Rule 15</i> )	There are no strikeouts in Farm A ( <i>Local Rule 14</i> )	N/A	N/A	N/A
Strike Zone	<u>Strike Zone Definition</u> : Strike Zone is the space over home plate between batter's armpits and top of knees	N/A	N/A	Batter's shoulders and the middle of the knees; width of one ball on either side of plate ( <i>Local Rule 10.3</i> )	Armpits to top of knees; width of one ball on either side of plate ( <i>Local Rule 10.3</i> )	N/A
When does inning end?	<u>Rule 5.07</u> - Majors: Side is retired when three players are out; Tball & AA: Side is retired everyone has batted; AAA: when three players are out or when offensive team scores 5 runs.	Once everyone has batted regardless of the number of outs.	Once everyone has batted regardless of the number of outs.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Is score kept?	<u>Rule 1.02</u> - The objective of the game is to win by scoring more runs than the opponent (Tball: it is recommended that no score be kept).	No score or standings will be kept ( <i>Local Rule 15</i> )	No score or standings will be kept ( <i>Local Rule 14</i> )	A scorebook will be kept for purposes of pitch count. No standings will be kept. Bottom of last inning will be played if time permits. ( <i>Local Rule 13</i> )	N/A	N/A
Can a player advance on an overthrow?	<u>Rule 7.05(i)</u> : In T-Ball, the runner will be permitted to advance on an overthrow but not more than one base.	Players are not permitted to advance on an overthrow ( <i>Local rule 15</i> )	Players are not permitted to advance on an overthrow ( <i>Local rule 14</i> )	Players are permitted to advance one base on an overthrow ( <i>Local Rule 13</i> )	N/A	N/A
Bunting	<u>See Definition</u> : A bunt is a batted ball not swung at but intentionally met with the bat and tapped slowly; T-Ball: bunts are not permitted	N/A	Bunting is not permitted in Farm A ( <i>Local Rule 14</i> )	Bunting is permitted during player pitching only ( <i>Local Rule 13</i> ). Practice bunts occur during use of pitching machines.	N/A	N/A
Stealing	<u>Rule 7.13</u> : Majors & Minor League: Base runners shall not leave their bases until the ball has been delivered and has reached the batter; T-ball: base runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit.	No stealing is allowed in T-ball ( <i>Local Rule 15</i> )	No stealing is allowed in Farm A ( <i>Local Rule 14</i> )	Not allowed until the final weekend of play; no stealing of home is allowed ( <i>Local Rule 13</i> )	Stealing 2nd and 3rd is allowed; Stealing of home is not allowed until after game #10 ( <i>Local Rule 12</i> )	N/A
Infield Fly Rule	<u>Rule 6.05</u> : A batter is out when an infield fly is declared; See Definition: The infield fly rule does not apply to T-ball.	N/A	The infield fly rule will not be in effect for Farm A ( <i>Local Rule 14</i> )	The infield fly rule will not be in effect for AA ( <i>Local Rule 13</i> )	N/A	N/A
Batboys / Batgirls	<u>Rule 3.17</u> : Batboys and batgirls are not permitted	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Game Duration	<u>Rule 4.10</u> : A regulation game consists of six innings.	T-Ball games shall be no more than 4 innings or 1-hr and 15 min. duration ( <i>Local Rule 8.3</i> )	Farm A games shall be limited to 6 innings or 2 hours in duration ( <i>Local Rule 8.4</i> )	AA games shall be limited to 6 innings or 2 hours in duration ( <i>Local Rule 8.4</i> )	AAA games shall be limited to 2 hours and 15 minutes in duration ( <i>Local Rule 8.5</i> )	N/A
Max # runs/inning	<u>Rule 4.10</u> : 10 run mercy rule	No score is kept; inning ends when all players have batted	No score is kept; inning ends when all players have batted	5 run limit per inning ( <i>Local Rule 8.9</i> )	5 run limit per inning; excludes 6th inning ( <i>Local Rule 8.10</i> )	10-run mercy rule is in effect ( <i>Local Rule 8.10</i> )
Adult Coach backup catcher?	N/A	N/A	Adult defensive coach should backup catcher to speed up play ( <i>Local Rule 14</i> )	Adult defensive coach should backup catcher to speed up play ( <i>Local Rule 13</i> )	N/A	N/A

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Minimum Playing Time	Regulation IV(i): Each player shall play a minimum of 6 defensive outs and bat at least one time.	N/A	Every player shall play a min. of 4 innings & no less than 1 inning than any other player <i>(Local Rule 6)</i>	Every player shall play a min. of 4 innings & no less than 1 inning than any other player <i>(Local Rule 6)</i>	Every player shall play a min. of 4 innings & no less than 1 inning than any other player <i>(Local Rule 6)</i>	Every player shall play a min. of 4 innings & no less than 1 inning than any other player <i>(Local Rule 6)</i>
Pitch Count Limit	Regulation VI(c): Pitcher must be removed when pitch limit is reached: age 9-10 (75 pitches); age 11-12 (85 pitches)	N/A	N/A	Age 7-8: 50 pitches Age 9-10: 60 pitches	Ages 9-11: 60 pitches 110 weekly max (Mon-Sun)	Age 11-12 - 75 pitches 110 weekly max (Mon-Sun)
Umpires	Rule 1.01 - A game is played under the jurisdiction of one or more umpires.	Umpires are not used for Tball games <i>(Local Rule 8.11)</i>	Umpires are not used for Farm A games <i>(Local Rule 8.11)</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adult Game Coordinator	Rule 9.03 (d): When a non-adult umpire is used, an adult Game Coordinator must be assigned; they may not be a manager or a coach for either team.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Simsbury Local Rules - Found on the documents tab of the SLL website.

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