

Devon Strafford Little League

Spring 2017 By-Laws For Baseball Minors (AAA Division)

Sportsmanship

- ◆ Managers, Coaches, Players, Parents, Spectators, and League Officials are required to exhibit appropriate behavior and sportsmanship at all times. Managers and Coaches must immediately address any bad behavior ~ including asking those concerned to leave the premises. The Devon Strafford Little League Board will support any action to uphold standards of good sportsmanship and behavior.
- ◆ Any altercation between Managers/Coaches, between Managers/Coaches and Umpires, and between Managers/Coaches and parents will not be tolerated. A warning will be given to the appropriate individual(s) for the first incident. A second incident will result in removal of individual(s) from the league for the season.
- ◆ Managers/Coaches, Players and Parents/Spectators may not question the judgment of the Umpire under any circumstances. If there is a question of interpretation of rules, politely call time-out and caucus with the other team manager and the umpire.
- ◆ Remember, this is a “game” that involves young children. Please lead by example and act in their interest at all times.

Safety

- ◆ All Managers/Coaches are required to attend the Devon Strafford Little League safety meeting, which will be held in March.
- ◆ Players are not permitted to handle bats until they are up to bat and enter the backstop. Each coach should assign a parent or assistant coach to enforce this rule during the games.
- ◆ Players not on the field must stay behind the backstops and in the dugouts or on the bench at all times.
- ◆ No metal spikes.
- ◆ Encourage players to wear mouth guards.
- ◆ Players **must** wear protective cups if they are catching. Catchers must use a “Catchers Mitt” in the Majors & AAA divisions.
- ◆ Feet-first sliding only in Majors and AAA, when the runner is advancing. Head first slides are permitted only when the runner is returning to a base.
- ◆ First aid supplies, ice, Player medical waiver forms, and a cell phone must be kept by the Manager at all times.
- ◆ **Batter may not throw their bats.** For AAA, AA, and A ~ the first occurrence in the season, the batter is given a warning. The batter is automatically out on the second (or more) occurrences (at discretion of the umpire). This rule must be monitored and supported by the coaches.
- ◆ **Coaches / Parents are not permitted to warm up pitchers.** Only players wearing appropriate catchers protective equipment are permitted to warm up pitchers.

Field / Equipment ~ Maintenance & Usage

- ◆ Managers, Coaches, and Players are responsible for the maintenance and care of all fields.
- ◆ Trash must be collected and removed after all practices and games.
- ◆ **Fields at Clarke and Wilson Park need to be raked/dragged and covered (if tarp is available for mound and home plate area) after each practice / game.**
- ◆ The DSLL Web-Site will update all on field status. If the fields are open (green light), Managers have the option not to play if Player safety or potential field damage is a concern. All rainouts should be re-scheduled through the Division Directors. Make-up games take priority over practice.
- ◆ Any field issues should be reported to DSLL immediately.
- ◆ Equipment issued by the league is the property of DSLL. At the end of the season all league issued equipment must be returned.
- ◆ The HOME TEAM generally takes the 1st base dugout, provides two game balls (more if necessary), and provides parent umpires where required.

2017 AAA Rules Summary

	AGE	PLAYER SELECTION	COACH SELECTION	RULES
AAA	11 10 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 10 Teams. ~ Team Manager selects players – all rosters to be approved by Division Director, VP Baseball, and Player Agent. ~ Players are drafted to a new team each year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ All Managers & Coaches require DSLI Board approval. ~ Director / VP recommend Managers prior to draft. ~ Minimum 1 year coaching experience at AAA or AA level is a requirement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ LL Rules apply – Local Rules below. ~ Parent/Student Umpires used. ~ LL Pitching Rules will be enforced (see below) – in addition a Player can pitch a maximum of six (6) outs per game. If a player relieves during an at bat the out will be assigned to that player. Pitch count rules for 11 year olds will be same as for 9 and 10 year olds. ~ Stealing is permitted only after the pitch has crossed home plate. No stealing of or advancing to home under <u>any scenario</u> (this includes pickoffs to third base). No delayed steals (overthrow of pitcher). Player may advance to home only after ball is batted. ~ A runner can advance a single base on an over throw to first base. A runner may continue to advance on over throws if the fielding team is making an attempt to make an out at another base. Runner may also advance on over throws to other bases. ~ Bunting is permitted. Fake bunting intended to distract a pitcher is not permitted. ~ Batted ball in play is live until controlled by the Defense on the Pitcher's Mound. ~ A continuous batting order will be used. ~ Each Player must play 4 innings in the field, maximum 2 innings at the same position per game. ~ Managers are encouraged to rotate players through all positions during season. ~ Games are 6 innings, hard two hour time limit on weekends, 5 run "mercy" rule per inning, games can end in a tie. No mercy rule for the 6th inning. ~ Games can be played with a minimum of 7 players. If a team doesn't have 7 players in attendance prior to game time, the game can be played, but the result will be a forfeit for the team that doesn't have the required players. In the event a team has 7 players, the lending of one (1) player to field is allowed. If a team has less than 7 players the opposing team will lend enough players so that nine are on defense. If a team has 8 players then the opposing team will lend one (1) player.

Little League Pitching Rules - 2017

During the regular season the number of pitches that will be allowed per day for each age group are listed below:

League Age	Pitches allowed per day
17-18	105
13-16	95
11-12	85
9-10	75
7-8	50

During the regular season the rest periods required for pitchers ages 7 through 16 are listed below:

Pitches	Required Rest
1 – 20	None
21 – 35	One (1) calendar day
36 – 50	Two (2) calendar days
51-65	Three (3) calendar days
66+	Four (4) calendar days

In addition:

- Once a player has pitched 41 or more pitches in one day, they may not play the position of Catcher for the remainder of the day. If a player plays the position of Catcher prior to pitching his pitch limit will be 20 pitches. If a player reaches 75 pitches during an at bat the player may finish pitching until that at bat ends.
- There is no longer an “automatic walk” rule. All pitches count.
- Pitch Counts should be kept by both teams and verified after each inning.
- Game results and pitch counts are to be agreed upon by both managers and reported to the Division Director after each game by the winning team manager.
- A League Age 12 player may not pitch