



**Safety Harbor Little League**  
**Spring 2021 Rules**  
**AA Baseball Division**

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## **Objectives**

1. Create an instructional and fun environment that enhances each player's skill level, and to prepare him or her for the next level.

## **Mandatory Minimum Play Requirements**

1. All players present shall bat in the same continuous order throughout the game.
2. No player shall sit two (2) "defensive innings" before all players have sat one (1) "defensive inning".
3. No player shall sit three (3) "defensive innings" before all players have sat two (2) "defensive innings".
4. Each player shall play at least one (1) inning in the infield and at least one (1) inning in the outfield. (This requirement is for all games of four (4) innings or more)
5. All players must rotate positions every two (2) innings (\*exception is the catcher who may play three (3) innings consecutively).

## **Game Guidelines**

1. No new inning shall start one- (1) hour and thirty- (30) minutes after the official scheduled start time.
2. Any inning that is started before one (1) hour and thirty- (30) minutes past the official start time shall be completed.
3. Teams will play ten (10) players in the field.
4. Teams must play four (4) outfielders during games unless they have nine (9) or fewer players.
5. The defensive team will have four (4) outfielders playing at outfield depth. No "short fielder" or extra infielder will be allowed.
6. Teams will share players if one team is short. No forfeits shall be permitted.
7. No team shall be allowed to score more than five (5) runs per their turn at bat. The half-inning ends when the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) run crosses the plate. No runs will count after the fifth (5) run.
8. The "Infield Fly Rule" shall *not* be used.
9. No fielder must be closer than thirty- (30) feet to the batter's box until the ball crosses the plate.
10. There are no walks (base on balls), however if a pitch hits a player, the batter has the choice of continuing his/her at-bat or may choose to be awarded first base.
11. Coach-pitch will be used for the entire season. (coaches must always pitch from a kneeling position)
12. Batters will be given three swinging strikes.
13. Players may not hold or swing bats in dugouts.
14. Batting Tees will not be used.
15. Stealing or leading-off is not permitted and runners may not advance on passed balls.
16. Runners may advance one (1) base on an overthrow.
17. On batted balls into the outfield: Runners will not advance any further once the ball breaks the plane of the infield on the throw-in. If they have passed a base when the ball crosses the infield plane, they may continue at their own risk to the next base.

## **Guidelines for Coach-Pitch**

1. One (1) coach per team will be the designated pitcher when his/her team is batting and will call balls and strikes on his/her team.
2. Any fielder playing the pitcher position must begin each pitch at a distance from home plate even with the pitcher's plate.
3. The pitcher must not leave this position, even on an attempted bunt, until the ball is pitched.
4. Batters will be out after three (3) strikes (*swinging only*) during coach pitch, however a coach may end a player's turn at bat if they feel the player has had sufficient time to hit the ball.
5. No base on balls
6. Batters hit by a pitch may take first (1<sup>st</sup>) base or continue batting.



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7.All other Little League® rules apply.

8.Composite bats must be from the list of approved composite bats listed on the Little League website.  
<http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/baseballbatinfo/batrules.htm>

**\*\*Reminder – managers are responsible for cleaning up your dugouts after every game\*\***