

2022 Magic Valley League

Minor League By-Laws

The attitude of sportsmanship and conduct in the Little League rule book should be read and followed as a guide. Our League will use the Official Little League Rule Book with the following exceptions listed here and referred to as "By-Laws"

1. **(RULE 4.10)** A REGULATION GAME CONSISTS OF 6 COMPLETE INNINGS. THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT.
2. PLAYERS WHO TURN 11 ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2022 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.
2. ANY PLAYERS COACHING THE BASES MUST WEAR A HELMET.
3. ONLY 6 TEN-YEAR-OLD PLAYERS ON THE FIELD AT A TIME UNLESS NO OTHER OPTION IS AVAILABLE.
4. THE THIRD TIME A COACH GOES TO THE MOUND IN A GAME, OR THE SECOND TIME IN AN INNING (PER PITCHER), THAT PITCHER MUST BE REPLACED.
5. **(RULE 7.13)** IT IS NOT AN OUT WHEN THE RUNNER LEAVES THE BASE EARLY. THERE IS, HOWEVER, A PENALTY FOR LEAVING EARLY. IF THE BALL IS HIT, RUNNER LEAVING THE BASE EARLY WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO ADVANCE ONE BASE, HINDERING THE NUMBER OF BASES THE HITTER IS ENTITLED TO. (EX. RUNNER ON 1ST, LEAVES THE BASE EARLY, HITTER HITS A DOUBLE. RUNNER CAN ONLY ADVANCE TO SECOND BASE, THUS, ONLY ALLOWING THE HITTER A SINGLE).
6. TEAMS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO SCORE 6 RUNS PER INNING WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF 9 (EXAMPLE: 5 RUNS HAVE SCORED, AND BASES ARE LOADED, AND BATTER HITS A HOME RUN, CLEARING THE BASES), OR CATCHUP PLUS 6 IF A TEAM IS BEHIND. THIS APPLIES TO EVERY INNING UNLESS THE MERCY RULE HAS BEEN ENFORCED.
7. **(MERCY RULE 4.10 E.)** IF AFTER 3 INNINGS, 2 ½ IF THE HOME TEAM IS AHEAD, ONE TEAM HAS A LEAD OF 15 OR MORE RUNS, THE MANAGER/COACH OF THE TEAM WITH THE LEAST RUNS SHALL CONCEDE THE VICTORY TO THE OPPONENT. IF AFTER 4 INNINGS, 3 ½ IF THE HOME TEAM IS AHEAD, ONE TEAM HAS A LEAD OF 10 OR MORE RUNS, THE MANAGER/COACH OF THE TEAM WITH THE LEAST RUNS SHALL CONCEDE THE VICTORY TO THE OPPONENT. IF THE VISITING TEAM HAS THE LEAD THE HOME TEAM MUST BAT IN ITS HALF OF THE INNING. IN THE EVENT OF A RAINOUT 4 COMPLETE INNINGS (3 ½ IF HOME TEAM IS AHEAD) MUST BE PLAYED TO BE CONSIDERED A COMPLETE GAME.
7. IF A PITCHER HITS 2 BATTERS IN ANY ONE INNING OR A TOTAL OF 3 DURING THE GAME, HE MUST BE REPLACED.
8. BATTERS AND RUNNERS MUST WEAR PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR. CATCHERS MUST WEAR FULL GEAR.
9. THERE WILL BE NO INFIELD FLY RULE.
10. THERE WILL BE NO HIDDEN BALL TRICK.
11. METAL SPIKES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. RUBBER CLEATS ARE PERMISSIBLE.
12. **(RULE 4.04)** ALL ROSTERED PLAYERS ATTENDING THE GAME WILL BAT. THE ONLY EXCEPTION WILL BE FOR DISCIPLINARY REASONS AND MUST BE CLARIFIED WITH THE OPPOSING TEAM BEFORE THE GAME BEGINS. ANY PLAYER ARRIVING LATE WILL BE PLACED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LINEUP. ANY INJURY OR LEAVING THE GAME EARLY RESULTING IN A PLAYER NOT ABLE TO FULFILL HIS OR HER AT BAT WILL NOT RESULT IN AN OUT.
13. PITCHERS WILL BE ALLOWED 2 INNINGS PER GAME. MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY. ONE PITCH CONSTITUTES AN INNING. ONCE A PITCHER HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM PITCHING, HE CANNOT RETURN TO PITCH.
14. PITCHERS ARE ONLY ALLOWED 5 WARM UP PITCHES BETWEEN INNINGS TO HELP SPEED UP PLAY.
14. PLAYERS CANNOT STEAL HOME ON A PASSED BALL OR AN OVERTHROW TO THE PITCHER. A PLAYER MAY ONLY GO HOME ON A PLAY MADE IN THE FIELD.
15. **(RULES 4.15, 4.16 AND 4.17 DOES NOT APPLY)** A TEAM MUST ALWAYS FIELD 8 PLAYERS, TO AVOID A FORFEIT. IF A PLAYER ARRIVES AFTER PLAY HAS BEGUN, HE MUST BAT IN THE LAST POSITION.
17. **(RULE 6.07)** IF A PLAYER BATS OUT OF ORDER, HE WILL BE CALLED OUT IF HE REACHES A BASE AND IS NOTICED BY THE OTHER TEAM. ONCE A PITCH IS THROWN THE RUNNER CANNOT BE CALLED OUT. IF A BATTER IS OUT OF ORDER AND IS NOTICED WHILE IN BATTER'S BOX, CORRECT BATTER TAKES HIS PLACE AND HIS COUNT.
18. PITCHING DISTANCE IS 42 FEET FROM FRONT OF THE PITCHER'S RUBBER TO THE BACK OF THE PLATE.

19. UMPIRES MUST BE 15 YEARS OLD OR OLDER.
20. ANY PLAYER PLAYING UP DURING THE REGULAR SEASON WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY BACK DOWN IN THE SAME SEASON. THE ONLY EXCEPTION WOULD BE IF THE OLDER TEAM COULD NOT FIELD ENOUGH PLAYERS TO FINISH THE REGULAR SEASON. THIS WOULD REQUIRE AN APPEAL TO THE LEAGUE DIRECTORS.
21. ALL GAMES MUST FINISH WITH A WINNER. NO TIES! EXTRA INNINGS WILL FOLLOW INTERNATIONAL RULES AND A BASERUNNER WILL BE PLACED ON 2ND BASE PRIOR TO THE INNING FOR EACH TEAM.
22. RUNNERS ARE NOT OUT FOR NOT SLIDING IF THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO AVOID CONTACT. DEFENSIVE PLAYERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PROHIBIT THE RUNNER ACCESS TO THE BASE.