

2012 South Middleton Youth Baseball Minors A Division

Little League Rule Book

- At the Minor A Division, all games will follow the Little League Rule Book **unless** otherwise stated below.

Safety

- Player Safety should always be a Top Priority.

Innings Played

- All games should be **4 innings long**. Some leagues have a five inning limit, but this should be discussed, and agreed upon before the start of the game by both managers.

Runs per Inning

- There is a **4 run** limit per inning. There should be no extra innings at this level during the regular season. If after the end of 4 innings, the score is tied, the game will end in a tie.

Fielding a Minors A Division Team

- A team should field a maximum of ten (10) players, unless there are less than ten (10) players on the roster. If there is an injury or illness that prevents a player or players from completing the game, then the game may continue with a minimum of seven (7) players.
- If a team begins a game with less than ten (10) players, than any late arriving players should enter the game immediately to bring the number of players in the field to ten (10) players.

Pitching Rules-Adhere to the Little League rules with the following refinements:

- The rules below are designed to encourage aggressive batting and the need to keep the game moving.
- The batter is out when three strikes are recorded against the batter.
- **Walks are not permitted**, and a player can only hit the ball or strike out.
- In no case may a coach pitch to the opposing team.

General Playing Rules

- The infield fly rule will **NOT** be in effect
- Each team will bat the entire lineup and use free substitutions throughout the game. Injury will not result in an out for that spot in the lineup.
- Coaches are permitted on the field during play to instruct defensive players.
- Base stealing is prohibited.
- Base coaches, for the team at bat, will make safe/out calls on the base runners and the batter.

- Bunting is **NOT** permitted
- No advancement on overthrown balls.
- Play stops when the ball is returned to the infield. The infielder need not have control of the ball.

*** This is a developmental and instructional level. They are still learning the game of baseball, and the Managers/Coaches should take time outs during the game to explain a rule, or show/demonstrate a skill that will help this player on a particular play in the game.