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The Board of Directors hereby amends the existing Ground Rules and approves these additional Ground rules for the 2017 Fall Season.

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## ORANGECREST LITTLE LEAGUE 2017 FALL GROUND RULE AMENDMENT FOR BASEBALL

### Preface:

The objective of Orangecrest Little League is to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideal of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, so that they may be well-adjusted, strong and happy children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy citizens.

These ground rules are intended to be in complete accord with the Little League Player Rules. Should it be determined that these rules in any way conflict with the official Playing Rules, the 2017 Official regulations and playing rules will take precedence.

Team managers, coaches, players, umpires, league members, parents and spectators who knowingly violate these ground rules or other league rules are subject to appropriate discipline by the league president, officers and/or Board of Directors ("Board"). Such discipline may include probation, suspension, and removal from team, loss of team, additional work assignments, or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Revisions to these Ground Rules will be posted at <http://www.ocll.com> following approval by the Board.



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## Article X. Right to Revise, Amend and Supplement

### Section 10.01 Board Authority

- (a) To assure the smooth operation of the league, the Board reserves the right to revise, amend, supplement or otherwise change these Ground Rules at any time during the season as deemed appropriate. Changes must be approved by majority vote of a duly confirmed quorum of voting members.

## Article XI. Fall Ground Rule Amendments

**Section 11.01** To highlight the focus on player development for our Fall season, the Board approves the following additional Ground Rules for the Fall season. These amendments will supersede the corresponding Spring Ground rules. Unless otherwise amended herein, the Spring Ground rules remain in force.

### Section 11.02 Division Make-up

- (a) The following divisions shall be formed
  - (i) *T-Ball – league age 4-6 – Game Time Limit – 1:00*
  - Farm – league age 6-7 – No new inning time -1:15*
  - Minor B – league age 7-9 – No new inning time – 1:30*
  - Minor A – league age 9-11 - No new inning time – 1:45*
  - Major – league age 10-12 - No new inning time – 1:45*
  - Intermediate – league age 12-13*
  - Junior/Senior – league age 13-16*
- (ii) *For the purposes of League Age, players may be placed according to their 2017 or 2018 league age*

### Section 11.03 Additional Playing Rules – Fall Season Only

- (a) **No New Inning** - Once a new inning has been started in accordance with the time limits, the inning will be played until its completion of either the last out is recorded in the bottom half of the inning, OR the Home team is leading after the first half, or during the bottom half inning
  - (i) *In the event that either team is 5 or more runs behind in the final inning, the inning shall still be played to completion*
  - (ii) *There is no prescribed drop-dead time for an inning started*
- (b) **Five Run Rule – All Levels (except t-ball)**  
No team may score more than 5 runs per inning. A half inning will be deemed concluded when a team has scored 5 runs or 3 outs are recorded.

**(c) Batting Order – All levels**

All teams will bat their entire roster in a continuous batting lineup and will have free substitution for fielding positions. Pitcher and catcher substitution rules remain in effect in accordance with Little League 2017 Official Rule Book.

**(d) Pitching – Minor B, Minor A and Major**

Pitchers may only pitch in 2 innings. Any number of pitches thrown in an inning, will count as an inning pitched. All pitch counts and days of rest remain in effect in accordance with Little League 2017 Official Rule Book.

**(e) Home Plate**

- (i) Minor B & Farm - Home plate is closed for the duration of the season. A runner may only advance to home upon a batted ball. A runner may not advance past 3rd base on an overthrow*
- (ii) Minor A - Home plate is to be closed for the first 7 games (first half of season). Starting with the 8th game, home will be open and a runner may advance on a passed ball or any ball in play*

**(f) Outfielders – Minor B & Farm**

Teams shall position four (4) outfielders in their defensive positions. All 4 outfielders must be positioned in outfield positions; no outfielder may be positioned as an “extra” infielder.

**(g) Coach Pitch – Minor B**

- (i) No base-on-balls shall be issued. The pitcher shall pitch to a batter until a ball is hit in play, a strikeout is recorded, or the batter reaches four balls. When four balls is reached, the batter will not be awarded a base-on-balls. Rather, the batter will receive a maximum of three pitched strikes from an adult coach.*
  - 1) The number of coach-pitched strikes available to the batter shall be determined by subtracting the number of strikes in the count at the time 4 balls is reached from three.
    - a) For example, if the batter had two strikes when the fourth ball was called, the batter shall receive one coach-pitched strike (3 - 2 = 1). If the batter had one strike when the fourth ball was called, the batter shall receive a maximum of two coach-pitched strikes (3 - 1 = 2).*
  - 2) The coach must initiate pitches from the pitcher’s plate and may only throw in an overhand motion
  - 3) A coach shall continue to pitch to a batter until a ball is put in play or 3 strikes are recorded. A batter reaching 3 strikes shall be recorded as a strike-out. The umpire shall rule each coach pitched ball as a ball or strike. only strikes shall count against the batter’s available pitches
- (ii) Pitches thrown by a coach shall not be counted against the pitcher’s pitch count*
- (iii) Batters are prohibited from bunting coach-pitched balls.*

- (iv) In the event a batted ball strikes the Coach pitcher, the ball shall be declared dead and the runners (including the batter) shall advance one base*
- (h) While a Coach is pitching to a batter, the player pitcher shall continue to occupy the defensive position of pitcher and may only be positioned on either side of the pitching mound. The pitcher may not occupy any other defensive position**
- (i) In the interest of increasing the pace of play, the Coach who will pitch under this rule must be positioned on the field as a base coach immediately prior to taking the mound to pitch. A coach may not leave the dugout for the purposes of coach pitching**
- (j) There shall be no base stealing or advancing on a passed ball when the coach is pitching. Runners may only advance on a batted ball**