

Southeast Arlington Little League LOCAL LEAGUE RULES

GAMES/PLAYING RULES- MINORS, MAJORS, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIORS.

All games will be played in accordance with the Little League Official Regulations with Playing Rules and Tournament Rules (Little League Green Book), the SEALL Constitution and By-Laws, and these Local League Rules. The only exceptions to these Green Book rules are as follows:

- All Divisions will use a continuous batting order.
- All Divisions will have a five run per inning rule in effect for all games.
- Should a team have only 8 players available to participate in a game that team may borrow an opposing player to provide at least 9 position players on defense. That borrowed player must play either right or left field for the team that is borrowing him/her. The team "loaning" the player will determine which player will play for the borrowing team.

All divisions may have two (2) adult base coaches as long as there is one (1) adult in the dugout.

TIME LIMITS-MINORS, MAJORS, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIORS

No new inning will start after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the scheduled start time. The game will end 1 hour and 55 minutes from the scheduled start time. If the inning is not complete after 1 hour and 55 minutes from the scheduled start time, the provisions of Rule 4.11(d) will apply. If there is no game following, the game will be continued until it is a regulation game (3 ½ or 4 innings for majors and minor, 4 ½ or 5 innings for intermediate and juniors, or additional innings if necessary to determine a winner), regardless of the time limit. Once required amount of innings have been played, the game is over. Incomplete, or tied, games will be completed per the Little League Green Book Rules 4.11 and 4.12 and at the Local League Board of Directors (Board) discretion. Additionally, when traveling for interleague games we will play "host league" rules regarding time limits, and run per inning rules.

RAINOOTS AND/OR POSTPONEMENTS

Games will not be postponed unless the field cannot be made ready for play. This decision will be made by the league president (or his/her designee) and the City of Arlington. Rainouts and postponed games will be played at the earliest possible opening in the schedule. All PITCHING regulations also apply. At game time, Little League regular season Rule 3.10 will be applied.

SCHEDULES

Under no circumstances will individual managers re-arrange schedules. **The Local League president and league scheduler reserve the right to re-arrange schedules at any time he/she deems necessary.**

UMPIRES

Umpires are a valuable part of Little League Baseball and we expect them to be treated well and respected. No agreements shall be made between managers and umpires contrary to the Little League Baseball Official Regulation with Playing Rules and Tournament Rules rulebook or the amendments as specified by the Board.

All Southeast Arlington Little League umpires are VOLUNTEERS. The volunteer umpire is as much a part of Little League as the volunteer manager, coach or concession stand worker.

Little League, and THIS league, offers many training materials, clinics and seminars for umpire education.

SCOREKEEPERS & RECORDKEEPING

Each team manager will appoint a scorekeeper and an alternate. Home team scorekeepers will be available at the score booth 15 minutes prior to the start of the game to arrange the lineups in the Official Scorebook. The home team will supply the official scorekeeper for the game and **MUST** remain neutral. The president and/or his/her designee, in order to maintain strict observance of the pitching, substitution, and participation rules, will check scorebooks periodically. Following the game, a game report sheet will be completed with the game information, including the signatures of the respective scorekeepers, managers, and the game's umpire-in-chief. This report will be turned into the "drop box" at the concession stand. The home team is responsible for providing a fully completed game report and turning it in after each game. **The visiting team's scorekeeper (or a designated member of the visiting team) will sit in the score booth and will be responsible for maintaining and recording the pitch count for each pitcher used and MUST remain neutral. His/her pitch count will be the official pitch count exclusively.**

NOTE: Both Scorekeepers must be seated in the score booth during the game.

FIELD DECORUM

Little League Regulation 14 will strictly be observed.

The umpire-in-chief (the game's plate umpire) will report to the SEALL president within twenty-four hours after the game, all violations of the rules. Included in the report will be the reasons for ejection of any player, spectator, manager, or coach from the game. Any person removed from a game is subject to the provisions of the Little League Green Book; however, the Local League Board reserves the right to increase the length of suspensions beyond the requirements of Little League Rules.

PROTEST/FORFEITS

All protests and forfeits will be handled in accordance with the Little League Green Book Rules 4.15, 4.16, 4.17, 4.18, and 4.19. Protests must be handled by the Board within seven (7) days. **Judgment calls by the umpires are not subject to protest.** The Protest Committee will consist of the Local League's president, vice president, umpire-in-chief, player agent. When a member of the Protest Committee has a conflict of interest because of an association with an involved team or division, the president will appoint alternate Board members for each affected committee position to handle that protest.