

North Canton Little League

Local Rules – Minors

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- Teams should field 10 players – 4 infielders, 4 outfielders, a pitcher, and a catcher.
- A team can play with 8 players if that is all that is available. If 10 players are dressed, they must all be playing the field.
- If a team cannot come up with 9 players, they can borrow a player(s) from a designated rookie league team. These substitutes may not pitch. They must play the league minimum number of innings (3) but not exceed that limit if minor league players are sitting on the bench. They must bat at the end of the batting order. A team with 9 players may request a call-up or elect to play with 9.
- Games will have a 2-hour time limit. No new inning will start after 2 hours. If a game is tied, it goes as a tie.
- Continuous Batting Order will be used.
- A team's at bat ends after 3 outs or 5 runs have scored. There is no condition where more than 5 runs will be tallied in any inning before the 6th. In innings 6 and greater, a team may score as many runs as they can.
- Every player must be given the opportunity to bat in the leadoff position at least once during the season.
- Players who introduce equipment that is out of Little League specification, or fail to have required equipment on their person, will be ordered by the umpire to immediately comply with Little League standards.
- A player who is being held out of a game for disciplinary reasons must first be cleared with the minor league rep.

Pitching:

- There will be no intentional walks.
- A pitcher that hits 3 batters in a game must be replaced.
- Players who are LL age 9 must pitch at least 35 pitches or 2 innings each game. The 9-yr old requirement must be met by the end of the 5th inning. Innings do not need to be consecutive if pitched by different players. Shortened games do not apply.

Defense:

- Every member of the team must play at least 3 defensive innings per game.
- No player other than the pitcher can play the same position more than 3 innings per game.
- All players will spend at least 1 inning per game at an infield position.
- The centerfielder should not be used as a second baseman.

Offense:

- Players' throwing equipment is subject to a warning and then dismissal from the game.
- Little League's 'One Foot in the Batter's Box' rule will be used for regular season play.
- **The only time a baserunner can steal home is on a passed ball / wild pitch situation. If the catcher controls the ball, or keeps it from getting by him, a runner on 3B cannot advance.**
- Once there are 2 outs, a courtesy runner will be inserted for a baserunner who will be catching the next inning.
- Batters must wear batting helmets equipped with a cage.

Managers:

- Before the game begins, each team should present the official scorer with its team's batting order (First and Last name), including the player's uniform number.

General:

- The home team shall occupy the 3rd base dugout.
- When lightning is sighted, all games will be stopped for 20 minutes. Please direct players to their cars to wait out the suspension.