

Northshore Little League

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2005 Super AA Hardball Local Rules

1. Team Responsibilities

- A. Visiting team provides plate umpire if one has not been assigned to the game (Note: *Umpire must wear protective mask* at a minimum).
- B. Home team prepares and lines the field for play.
- C. Both Visiting and Home team will pickup and properly dispose of trash in dugouts, spectator areas and field at conclusion of game.
- D. On last game of day both Visiting and Home teams pickup and store bases, clean dugouts and field and secure field. This includes all fields played on by Northshore Little League teams.

2. Player Participation & Special Game Rule Requirements

- A. All players shall play a minimum of three (3) innings in the field.
- B. No player shall sit more than one (1) consecutive inning during a game.
- C. No player shall play more than two (2) innings at any one defensive position during a game.
- D. Bat through the team roster regardless of defensive placement.
- E. No Managers or Coaches are allowed on the field during live play to provide “teaching” (Exception is base coaches as allowed by Little League rules).
- F. Manager/Coach will pitch the entire game. Gloves may be worn by the Manager/Coach while pitching, however, all defensive fielding is to be done by the players only.
- G. Manager/Coach shall make every effort to pitch from as close as possible to the rubber but shall pitch no closer than 35 feet.
- H. A batted ball, which hits a Manager/Coach pitcher, is considered live and in play.
- I. Batter hit by Manager/Coach pitcher does not take first base.
- J. Manager/Coach will pitch a maximum of seven (7) pitches to batter. After seven (7) pitches the batter will be declared out unless the 7th (and any succeeding pitches) are fouled off by the batter. Three (3) missed pitches will constitute a strikeout.
- K. No stealing at any time during the game is allowed.
- L. No sliding is allowed by any base runner. Base runner will be called out if he/she slides into any base.
- M. Batter will be called out if the Umpire judges that a player has thrown the bat in a dangerous manner.
- N. Defense will field ten (10) players. The 10th fielder must be placed in the outfield.
- O. Outfielders cannot be positioned in such a manner that they effectively become infielders (For example: Directly behind a base, infielder or on the outer edge of the infield in gaps between the infielders).
- P. For games played on fields without outfield fences, a batted ball that touches or is touched by a defensive player and then continues beyond the cones is considered out of play, resulting in a ground rule double (except a ball that passes the outfield cones in flight, which is a home run).

3. Game Time Limits

- A. All games are subject to a two (2) hour time limit.
- B. The start of the two (2) hour time limit is the scheduled game start time, *not* the actual game start time.
- C. For games which have a scheduled game following, these time rules shall apply:
 - *No new inning* shall begin after the two (2) hour game time limit expires.
 - If play is in the middle of an inning at the end of the two (2) hour game time limit, then play may continue for a *maximum* ten (10) minute grace period. After the maximum ten (10) minute

grace period has expired game play ***shall stop immediately*** (regardless of score, inning, game situation, etc) and the field will be made available for the following scheduled game.

- Scores of games that are not officially complete due to time limitations shall revert back to the last fully completed inning (Reference Rules 4.11 and 4.12).
- D. For games which are the last scheduled game of the day or do not have a game scheduled to follow, these time rules shall apply:
- Game will be played to the final out occurs or the plate umpire calls the game due to weather, darkness or safety.
 - No new inning shall begin after 8:15 PM or 2 hours 15 minutes after scheduled game start time.
 - No pitch will be allowed after 8:30 PM or 2 hours 30 minutes after scheduled game start time.
 - Scores of games that are not officially complete due to time limitations shall revert back to the last fully completed inning (Reference Rules 4.11 and 4.12).
- E. If a player is at bat when the game time limit expires, that player shall complete the at bat before the game is called.

4. Game Scoring

- A. The home team will provide the official scorekeeper for game.
- B. The League has elected not to use the 10 run rule.
- C. Side retires after three (3) outs or when six (6) runs score (no more than six (6) runs shall be counted in an inning).
- D. There shall be no official scores, standings or protests.

5. Ejection of Manager/Coach

- A. Ejection of a Manager or Coach shall result in the following:
 - First ejection shall be reported to the League President/Board of Directors and will result in a one (1) game suspension effective immediately (next game).
 - Second ejection shall be reported to the League President/Board of Directors and will result in a two (2) game suspension effective immediately (next game).
 - Third ejection shall be reported to the League President/Board of Directors and will result in immediate termination from Manager or Coach position.

6. Manager Selection

- A. Each Manager is released from his team at the end of every season.
- B. Each Manager is required to re-apply for Manager position the following season.
- C. Parent/Umpire evaluations and Manager Selection Committee will determine Manager positions for each season.