



## **Rookie Local Rules**

This document is not exhaustive in its outline of the rules, please see the Little League Green Book for a complete listing of all Little League rules and regulations.

### **Recommended league ages: 6-7 year olds**

Teams and parents are expected to work together cleaning up the area around their stands and dugouts including sweeping of concrete areas and pickup of trash. Failure to observe cleanup of stands or dugouts after games may result in suspension of team personnel.

### **General Rules:**

1. Game time limit is a suggested minimum of three innings and a maximum of six, not to exceed one hour and thirty minutes of play.
2. Taunting of players is strictly prohibited.
3. The Home Team Manager and their assistants are responsible for all field care before each game and the visiting team is responsible for post-game care.
4. There are no umpires in Rookie. Balls, strikes, outs, and runs are not tracked.
5. During the first inning of play both teams shall bat through their order. Thereafter a side shall be retired if they score five runs or three outs.
6. Managers and Coaches should accompany their players onto the field for instructional purposes.
7. Soft tee ball style baseballs will be used for the season.
8. Put outs will be tracked and a runner will be retired from the base if they are out.

### **Offense Rules:**

1. Batting order shall consist of all players present, regardless of the number, and must be maintained through the game. Late players shall be added to the lineup at the end of the order. Managers should alter their batting order each game.
2. Managers or coaches will pitch to their own players. If a player does not hit the ball after approximately eight pitches the team Manager or Coach shall provide a tee for the player.
3. No base stealing is allowed.
4. Runners may not advance bases on overthrows.
5. On balls hit to the outfield, runners may advance until the ball has been returned to possession of an infield player in the infield.
6. If a hit ball strikes a Manager or Coach it is declared a dead ball and the batter will be awarded the first base and all forced runners will advance one base.

### **Defense Rules:**

1. All players play each inning in the field, simultaneously. Players should be rotated between the infield and outfield each inning and should rotate positions accordingly. All players must play at least one inning in the infield.



2. The defense team must utilize standard infield positions; one player per position except pitcher which may have two children. All remaining players will play in the outfield and must be positioned in an umbrella formation at least ten feet from the infield.
3. All players must play one inning in the infield, per game. Exceptions may be made for purposes related to player safety with approval of the Player Agent or Safety Officer.