

Appendix B – Baseball “A” Division Rules

All games shall be played in accordance with the 2017 Little League Baseball Minor League Division Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Policies unless stated below.

Time Limits

Games will end 1 hours 45 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game.

Scorekeeper

Scores and results will NOT be recorded for regular season standings.

Continuous Batting Order

Teams shall use the continuous batting order. All eligible players must appear in the line-up. Players who arrive after the start of the game shall be added to the end of the line-up. Players who are removed from the game due to injury, illness, prior commitment or similar are removed from the line-up. If said player later returns, they shall resume their original position in the line-up. Players who are ejected from the game are removed from the line-up and are not eligible to return.

Defensive Field Position

The defensive team shall field six (6) infield positions and three (3) or four (4) outfield positions. An outfield position is both feet of the player on the outfield grass.

Adult Pitch

Each team shall use an adult pitcher. The adult pitches to their team from no closer than ten (10) feet in front of the pitcher’s plate.

Inning

The offensive team shall bat until three (3) fielded outs or every player in the lineup has one (1) at-bat. If the last batter hits the ball into play, any out, any fielder touching home plate with the ball, or a score by the last batter shall end the offensive team’s half of the inning. If the last batter does not hit the ball into play, this shall end the offensive team’s half of the inning.

At-Bat

If the ball is not hit into play after six (6) pitches, the batter shall return to their bench but this shall NOT be counted as an out. If this is the last batter, this shall end the offensive team’s half of the inning. If the final pitch is hit foul, the batter shall receive additional pitches until they fail to hit the ball into play or foul.

If a pitch touches the batter, the batter is NOT entitled to first base but this pitch shall NOT be counted.

Infield Fly

An infield fly shall NOT be declared.

Stealing

Stealing is NOT permitted.

Mandatory Play

Every rostered player present at the start of a game will participate in the game for a minimum of nine (9) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time. A minimum of three (3) of the nine (9) defensive outs must be played at an infield position. No player shall sit more than one inning more than any other player.

Pinch Runners

Special pinch-runners are not permitted. If a runner is injured and removed from the game, the last eligible player who made an out will replace the injured runner.

Protests

There are no protests in "A" League Level.

Whenever it is found that an ineligible player is being used, said player shall be removed from the game and the game shall be continued. A report shall be submitted within 24 hours to the President for consideration under the Code of Conduct policy.