

# Beachside Little League Minor A Division Spring Supplemental Rules

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All league play of the Beachside Little League Minor A Division will be governed by the rules and regulations as stated in the current version of the *Official Regulations and Playing Rules* as published by Little League Baseball Incorporated with the exception of any item explicitly modified by this Supplemental Rules document. These Supplemental Rules will be made available to all teams at the beginning of the season and whenever any change occurs. No other rules governing league play will be in force.

1. THE GAME: Skill development shall be the primary objective at the Minor "A" level of play.
  - A) Length of Game: All play will cease 2 hours from the scheduled start time. **Any inning that begins after 1 hour and 20 minutes from the game start time will be the last inning.** The last inning will be agreed to by both managers and the umpire prior to the top of that inning.
  - B) Length of Innings: Each inning will last for 3 outs or 5 runs, whichever comes first except the last inning which will be unlimited runs.
  - C) Continuous Batting Order: All players in uniform will bat regardless if they are playing defense at the time or not. The batting order shall remain the same for the entire game and after the first inning, the batting order will start with the next batter up in the order as carried over from the previous inning.
  - D) Pitching Rest Requirement: This requirement will be governed by section VI, part d, option 2 of the Little League Official Regulation and Playing rules. Each team is required to track the pitch count for both teams and will record the pitcher name and number, pitch count, and date in the scorebook. Both managers will sign each score book at the end of the game.
  - E) Mandatory Play: Each player must be given a position on the field for at least 3 complete innings in a 4 or more inning game and no player may sit for 2 consecutive innings unless the player is injured or refuses to play. ALL players MUST play 1 INNING in the INFIELD per game.
  - F) Player Positions: This is a recreational league focused on skill development and it is the manager's responsibility to develop every player in at least 2 positions, one infield and one outfield position.
  - G) Stealing:
    - There will be no delayed steals by the base runners.
    - Stealing 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base can only be attempted after a pitched ball breaks the front plane of the home plate but before the catcher throws the ball back to the pitcher.
  - H) Play at the Plate: When a play at home has a high probability that it might result in a collision between the base runner and a defensive player, the runner must slide.
  - I) Umpires: If no umpire is available, the defensive team will provide the umpire to call balls and strikes and can stand behind the pitcher's mound if desired. All volunteers must have a volunteer form on file.
  - J) Game Balls: The Home team will supply one (1) new game ball and one (1) serviceable game ball for each game

## 2. RAINOUTS AND CANCELLATIONS

- A) Regular season game RAIN OUTS are NOT rescheduled by the league, they are just considered missed games. If the managers involved want to work something out on their practice day or another day in which space is available, that is up to them. Please notify the individual in charge of the master calendar so they can update the calendar.
- B) Tournament seeding and tournament games will be rescheduled when possible (where applicable).
- C) Safety is our number one priority. A field is not playable if:
- There is lightning, tornados, or other dangerous weather conditions
  - There is standing water on the field that causes a safety issue
  - There is mud that presents a safety issue
- D) Ultimately it is the umpire or chief umpire's decision to call a game however, if both managers agree to cancel a game it will be cancelled. If the weather is bad prior to a game, the following is the normal procedure:
1. A manager (or coach) should go to the field and determine if there are field issues due to weather that cannot be easily corrected prior to the arrival of players
  2. The managers (or coaches) should then talk with each other and agree whether or not the game should be called or held
  3. If the coaches agree to cancel a game, an email should be sent by one of the managers (or coaches) to both team managers, the Umpire in Chief and the VP of Baseball specifically stating that the game has been cancelled due to weather
  4. If the coaches cannot agree that a game should be cancelled then the cancellation is up to the head umpire, Umpire in Chief or VP of Baseball.
  5. Under NO circumstance should a player's safety be compromised. If there is a tornado warning, lightning, or other dangerous weather or if field conditions present a safety hazard, your players are not expected to be at the field.
3. PROTESTS: With the exception of pitcher eligibility, there are no protests in this division.