

CANYON HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE

“AA” League Division Local Rules

2012 Spring Ball

The “2012 Little League Baseball Official Rule Book” shall be used as the official rules and guidelines for the Canyon Hills Little League. The purpose of these Local League rules is to establish guidelines in addition to the Little League Official Rule Book and in no way is intended to lessen or supersede those rules. Final interpretation of a rule shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors:

I. LOCAL LEAGUE RULES

- A. Batting order shall consist of all roster players.
- B. If a roster player does NOT start the game defensively, they MUST start the following game.
- C. A continuous batting order shall be used for all games. The batting lineup shall consist of all roster players in a continuous order.
- D. A running order shall be used for the season. (ie. if batter #5 makes the last out in game #2, then batter #6 shall bat first in game #3) The manager makes a lineup for the first game and is in effect the entire season. The manager cannot change the lineup game to game. If a player is absent, his name will be in the line up but scorekeeper will indicate absent. The next player will then bat with no penalty. The order may be reset at the break for the 2nd half of the regular season.
- E. The slide or avoid contact rule shall be in effect for all games (Rule 7.08(a3)).
- F. Any runner is out when the runner slides headfirst into a base moving forward. This rule does not apply when returning to a base, such as during a run down.
- G. There will be no base stealing or leading off allowed during the first half of the season.
- H. Base runners may only advance 1 base in the event of an overthrown ball by the defensive team. Only 1 base is allowed per player, per play. No advance to home is allowed on an overthrow or wild pitch.
- I. No pinch running is allowed except in the case of injury – (the player who recorded the last out in the current inning shall be substituted for the injured player. If no out has occurred in the inning, the player who recorded the last out of the previous inning shall substitute)
- J. The offense is retired when 3 outs are recorded or when 9 players have batted in an inning.
- K. In the event 9 batters are used, the inning concludes when the defense records any force out or when a defensive player has possession of the ball and touches home plate, no tag of any player at home plate is required on this play. In the event the 9th batter comes to bat with less than 2 outs and runners on base, the runners shall advance 1 base from where they began the at bat when the batter puts the ball in play and a force out is made at any base. If there is not a

force out, the previous rule definition applies.

Example: 9th batter comes to bat. Runners on 2nd & 3rd with 1 out. Batter hits a ground ball to the 1st baseman. They field the ball and tag 1st base for the out. Only the runner from 3rd base scores on the play.

Example: 9th batter comes to bat. Bases are loaded with 1 out. Batter hits a ground ball to the 2nd baseman. They field the ball and tag the runner coming from 1st to 2nd base for the out. Only the runner from 3rd base scores on the play

Exception - No runners shall advance on a flyball to the infield that is caught. Those runners would not have advanced during that play regardless of how many outs there were.

- L. The only protest allowed must be based on an umpire's interpretation of a rule and not on a judgment call. See 4.19 of the Little League Baseball Official Rule Book.
- M. Final interpretation of a rule shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors.
- N. Problems or conflicts shall be the responsibility of the Division Vice-President or Player Agent.
- O. Managers and/or coaches may NOT warm up the pitchers for their team on or off the field.
- P. The pitching plate shall be a distance of 40 feet from home plate.
- Q. ***During the 1st half of the season only*** - After a count of 4 balls, the manager or coach of the team at bat shall pitch a maximum of three pitches. The strike count carries over to the manager/coach. The batter shall either get a hit, strike out or if he does not hit the 3rd pitch he is out. (swinging is encouraged)
- R. Manager or coach may pitch from the front portion of the mound instead of on top of the mound.
- S. The strike zone is over home plate (17" width) and between the batter's armpits and top of their knees. The "AA" strike zone may be expanded by the umpire. The umpire shall notify and review with the managers and coaches PRIOR to the start of the game if the parameters of the strike zone are to be expanded.
- T. Ten defensive players may be placed on the field with a regulation infield and a "rover" position in the outfield.
- U. No player shall sit out defensively for consecutive innings.
- V. There are no official scores during the 1st half of the season.

II. PLAYER/COACH SAFETY

- A. Players MUST NOT wear watches, rings, pins or jewelry of any kind. In the event a medical alert bracelet or necklace is worn, it is to be taped down to the player's body.

- B. A pitcher will be removed from pitching if 2 batters are hit by a pitch from the same pitcher in the same inning.
- C. **No manager or coach is allowed behind home plate without wearing full umpire or catcher's gear.**
- D. When a player is ejected from a game, he/she shall remain in the dugout, and take no further part in that game. He/she may not sit in the stands and may not be recalled. An ejected player may be released into the custody of their guardian for the purpose of leaving the game site. Any player ejected from a game is suspended for his/her team's next physically played game.

III. PITCHING RULE

- A. Any player on a regular season team may pitch. (Note: There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.)
- B. A player may not pitch more than 2 innings per game or 6 consecutive outs. And pitch according to the Pitching Rules (see below).
- C. A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher.
- D. The Manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position

League Age	9-10	75 pitches per day
League Age	7-8	50 pitches per day

Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed above for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter reaches base, is put out, or the third out is made.

- E. Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:
 - If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest, must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 1 – 20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- F. The official scorekeeper or other board approved game official will be the official pitch count recorder.

- G. The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.
- H. The official pitch count recorder shall inform the umpire when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted in Section D above. The umpire will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed in accordance with Section D. **However, the failure by the pitch counter recorder to notify the umpire, and/or the failure of the umpire to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove the pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.**
- I. Violation of any section of this regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs. The Manager shall also receive an automatic suspension to be served at the next scheduled game, following notification by the Division VP.
- J. A pitcher may not pitch in more than one game in a day.
- K. The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that player has pitched a ball to a batter, shall not be considered a violation.
- L. Pitches delivered in games declared "Tie Games" or "Suspended Games" shall be charged against pitcher's eligibility.
- M. In suspended games resumed on another day, the examples used in the 2012 LL Rule book will be used. (see VI Pitchers page 41)
- N. A pitcher who delivers **41** or more pitches in a game cannot play in the position of catcher for the remainder of that game. .
- O. Any player who has played the position of catcher for any part of 4 or more innings is not eligible to pitch. (catching one pitch at anytime in an inning, qualifies as an inning)
- P. Prior to the start of every game, each manager shall show the opposing manager their team's pitching record affidavit to validate who is eligible to pitch in the game. Failure to provide the affidavit may result in disciplinary actions to the manager.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

- A. A player must be league age 7 through 9.
- B. A 9 year old may be drafted into the "AAA" division at any time during the season, with the exception of the last 2 weeks of the season.

V. TEAMS

- A. No inter league play or practice shall take place.

VI. TIME LIMITS

- A. No new inning shall begin after **1 hour and 30 minutes** from the scheduled starting time of the game, not when the game actually starts. Maximum game time is **1 hour and 45 minutes**. This is a “Drop Dead” time.
NO EXCEPTIONS! A new inning begins when the 3rd out of the previous inning is made.
- B. Rained out games may be rescheduled by the Director of Scheduling and made up as soon as possible.
- C. There will be no forfeits due to lack of players. The team(s) that are players short will fill in defensive positions from the player(s) who made the last out(s) on the offensive team. To start a game, use the player(s) who bats last.

VII. MANAGERS AND COACHES

- A. Managers and coaches shall acknowledge their respective duties and responsibilities (as outlined in the “2012 Canyon Hills Little League Manager & Coaches Responsibility” handout) by signature and adhere to said duties and responsibilities.
- B. The manager shall have the option of having as many Board approved coaches on the team roster as they would like. At no time during a game shall there be a combined total of more than 3 Board **approved volunteers** in the dugout or on the field. (An approved volunteer will be listed on the team home page on the website.)
- C. Both managers are to supply one game ball for each game played.
- D. In the first half of the season: "AA" division shall be umpired by a manager or coach from each of the playing teams or by a board approved umpire. In the absence of a board approved umpire, the defensive manager or coach shall call balls and strikes against the offense. The offensive manager or coach shall call plays made at first and third. Defensive manager or coach shall call second and home plate.
- E. Immediately following each game, that game’s managers shall ensure that all league scorekeeping equipment/scorebooks have been turned in to a pre-determined designated area or to the home team manager of the next game. Managers “**must sign**” the official scorecard immediately following game verifying the game score, pitchers used, innings pitched, and pitches thrown. Substitutions **MUST** be reported to the official scorekeeper **BEFORE** the player enters the game. Each game’s official scorekeeper’s scorecard is recognized as the “official” record of the game.
- F. Managers will be assessed a \$100 deposit in the beginning of the season to ensure that all snack bar duties are met and equipment loaned out has been returned.
- G. The team manager is responsible for ensuring their team’s fulfillment of its snack bar related obligations. General obligations will be supplying workers for snack bar duty. Failure to meet your team’s snack bar obligation can result in one or more of the following;
 - **Team trophies will be withheld until a \$25 fee is paid for each shift missed.**

- H. When a manager or coach is ejected from a game, he/she shall leave the field immediately, to a position beyond that field's outfield fence, and take no further part in that game. He/she may not sit in the stands and may not be recalled. Any manager or coach ejected from a game is suspended for his/her team's next physically played game. (Rule 4.07)
- I. **All team meetings (every division) after games will be conducted in front of parents either in the bleachers or near the dugout, on or off the field. No meetings shall take place in the outfield away from parents!**
- J. The team Manager is responsible for ensuring that any bat used in practice or games is Little League approved and has League identification. No exceptions. First violation is suspension and second is expulsion from the league.

VIII. SECOND HALF OF SEASON RULES

- A. There will be no manager or coach pitching. A player will walk after 4 balls.
- B. If the 9th batter is walked or hit by a pitch, that batter is given two bases as will ALL runners on base.
- C. The offense may steal 2nd and 3rd base. Only 1 base may be stolen by a player per pitch at a time. There is NO stealing of home plate & the runner shall not advance home on an overthrow.
- D. Scores and standings for the 2nd half of the season will be kept for the purpose of post season tournament seeding only.
- E. A game is official regardless of the number of innings played, unless it is suspended due to weather. Scores will revert back to the last completed inning unless the home team is ahead at the time of the game's ending.
- F. Infield Fly Rule - Reference 2.00, 6.05(d&k).

IX. MANDATORY PLAY

No player shall sit out defensively for consecutive innings in any game. Any manager in violation of the Mandatory Play rule will be suspended 1 game for the first violation and for the remainder of the season including playoffs for any subsequent violation.

- X. Use of Illegal Bat - see 6.06(d) and the manager will be suspended as per VII (J) as per above.

PENALTIES NOT PREVIOUSLY STATED FOR THESE LOCAL RULES SHALL BE AS OUTLINED IN THE 2012 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL OFFICIAL RULE BOOK.