



From the Little League Website:

“For 75 years, Little League® has established a proud, rich history in the hearts and minds of generations of Little Leaguers. Since its founding in 1939, Little League has nurtured the human spirit, and that is why it has been universally successful in cities and towns throughout the world.”

“The outcome of a game will never outlive the pride of belonging, the experience of playing, the friends and the fun. The essence of Little League is the people, their communities, and the everlasting bond between them.”

PHILOSOPHY

North Arlington Little League gives the children and adults who participate in our program an opportunity to learn the game of baseball, improve their skills, become a part of a close knit community, and play a game everyone can learn to love.

Different levels competition can become intense, exact score is kept between teams, and our pledge even has a line about striving to win. However, our league knows that the focus of North Arlington Little League is to provide more to our kids than just a winning season. At all levels during regular season play, our focus should include making sure we are complying with the little league rules and safety as well as giving every child an opportunity to play the game of baseball. All players should be given more occasions in each game than the Minimum Play Requirement outlined in the rules as well as playing multiple positions so they may learn the game of baseball.

While we understand the competitive nature of the sport, our league has an instructional and developmental focus that prepares our children for the next level of competition. Please take a moment to read these important local rules along with the Little League Rule Book to make sure you are doing your part to help these children grow.



**NORTH ARLINGTON LITTLE LEAGUE
SPRING 2015 LOCAL RULES**

MINOR, MAJOR, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISIONS

A. PLAYING RULES

The Minor, Major, Intermediate, Junior and Senior Divisions will play by the rules and regulations in the current year Little League rulebook(Green Book), and also subject to the following local rules.

B. RUN LIMITS

In the Minor and Junior Divisions only, a five run limit per inning rule will be in effect for all games.

C. LENGTH OF GAMES

Minor games will have a 1:40 minute time limit imposed. The umpire will start no new inning after 1:40 minutes from game time.

Major, Intermediate, Junior and Senior games will have a 1:50 minute time limit imposed. The umpire will start no new inning after 1:50 minutes from game time.

Please note that a game may end in a tie. The plate umpire determines when the time limit has expired and when the game ends, the umpire's decision is final.

D. BATTING ORDER

In the Minor, Major, and Intermediate and Junior Divisions teams will bat their entire line-ups every game. In the Senior Division, there is no continuous batting order.

E. DUGOUTS

Home team will occupy the first base dugout and visiting team will occupy the third base dugout.

F. PROTESTS

As there are no standings during the regular season, managers are strongly discouraged from filing any protests. Any protests must strictly conform to Little League rules. Any game issues should be



reported by the team manager to their Division's Commissioner within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the game.

G. OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER AND PITCH COUNTER

The home team is responsible for providing the official scorekeeper and he/she may not sit in the dug out of either team. It is emphasized that the Official Scorekeeper is a neutral game official responsible to the home plate umpire. The home plate umpire may replace the home team scorekeeper if he/she deems it necessary.

The visiting team will provide one person to sit with the Official Scorekeeper and this person will be the official pitch recorder. The pitch count as recorded by this person will be the official pitch count for each pitcher. It is emphasized that the Official pitch recorder is a neutral game official responsible to the home plate umpire. Parents/fans who become the official scorekeeper and pitch counter may not coach from behind the fence.

The home plate umpire may replace the visiting team pitch recorder if he/she deems it necessary.

H. PITCHING RECORDS

Each manager is required to turn his pitching record into the official scorekeeper along with his/her starting line up prior to the beginning of the game. The pitching records are to be available for review by the opposing manager and the umpires. The Official Scorekeeper will sign each pitching record at the conclusion of the game. Pitching records are required to begin all games and will be strictly enforced by umpires. If you do not have a pitching record, Board of Director approval may be required to start a game.

I. TEAMS WITH LESS THAN 9 PLAYERS

Regular season games are to be played if at all possible. If a team has less than 9 players at a game, then the team may borrow a defensive player(s) from the opposing team, to play in any position except pitcher, catcher or first base. In Minors, the team with less than 9 players will bat its continuous batting order without penalty. In all other divisions, the team with less than 9 players will place empty batting position(s) at the bottom of the batting order and take a penalty for not having a batter each time each an empty batting position comes to bat. That is, an empty position will be called out each time an empty position comes to bat.

J. SCHEDULES AND CANCELLED GAMES

North Arlington Little League does not intend to make changes to the schedule; however, each team manager should check our website at www.nallball.com periodically to ensure their game schedule matches the official game schedule posted on our website.



We do not intend to reschedule any regular season games that are not playable due to weather or other events. This is subject to review as the season progresses if we experience significant issues with cancelled games.

K. UMPIRES

North Arlington Little League will make every effort possible to provide umpires for all games. However, a lack of umpires is NOT a reason to delay or cancel a game. In the event that there are no umpires for a game, each team will be responsible for providing at least one individual to umpire the game. Team managers are not to make specific umpire requests.

L. TEAM CONTROL

THE TEAM MANAGER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR PLAYERS, COACHES, AND PARENTS. IN THE EVENT OF ANY DISORDERLY OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT (INCLUDING INAPPROPRIATE COMMENTS DIRECTED AT ANY UMPIRE), UMPIRES AND LEAGUE OFFICIALS WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

M. DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENTS

There will be a tournament for each division following regular season games, beginning in mid-May. Tournament seeding will be by random draw to encourage player development during the regular season. Tournament details and rules will be provided in May.

N. FIELD PREPARATIONS FOR MAJORS AND INTERMEDIATE DIVISIONS

Home team is responsible for moving the bases and the pitching rubber; tools are located in the concession stand.

Umpires will verify the field is ready to play and in the proper configuration before the game begins.

O. PITCHING CHANGES

All pitching changes must be properly announced and recorded with the umpire and the scorekeeper, giving the name, number and league age of the new pitcher.