**Brownsburg Little League Baseball**

**Playing Rules**

The most current addition of Little League Baseball’s official regulations and playing rules, and or the Constitution of the Brownsburg Little League, Inc. are in effect unless modified by the following ground rules of the Brownsburg Little League.

**REGULATIONS**

**I The League**

No revisions

**II League Boundaries**

No revisions

**III The Teams**

No revisions

**IV The Players**

The age of the players included in each of the divisions is as outlined below:

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| --- | --- |
| Division Name | Little League Age |
| T-Ball | 4, 5 |
| Instructional | 6 |
| Rookies | 7,8 |
| A | 8,9 |
| AA | 9,10 |
| AAA | 9,10,11 |
| Majors | 11,12 |

**V Selection of Players**

Players will be placed on teams for each of the divisions as outlined below:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Division Name | How Teams are composed | Evaluation of players? |
| T-Ball, Instructional, Rookies | Assigned (League Director & Player Agent) | No |
| Rookies, A, AA, AAA, Majors | Draft | Yes |

# VI Pitchers

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Division Name | Pitching | Number of pitches per AB | Additional Notes |
| T-Ball | No pitching at all; Tee must be used all season | N/A | The pitcher position in the field MUST wear a helmet. |
| Instructional | * Coach pitch: On knee, dirt portion of mound
* Pitcher’s helper: Positioned with one foot on the pitcher’s rubber until the ball is hit.
 | 5If ball not hit after 5 pitches, 2 attempts to hit ball from tee. | The pitcher’s helper position MUST wear a helmet. |
| Rookies | * Coach pitch: On knee, dirt portion of mound
* Pitcher’s helper: Positioned with one foot on the pitcher’s rubber until the ball is hit.
 | 6If ball not hit after 6 pitches (or 3 strikes), batter is retired. | The pitcher’s helper position MUST wear a helmet. |
| A | * Coach pitch: On knee, dirt portion of mound
* Pitcher’s helper: Positioned with one foot on the pitcher’s rubber until the ball is hit.
 | 6If ball not hit after 6 pitches (or 3 strikes), batter is retired. | The pitcher’s helper position MUST wear a helmet. |
| AA,AAA, Majors | Player pitch | N/A | Must adhere to Little League pitching rules. |

# VII Schedules

The Officer On Duty (OOD) or League Director will determine the playability of the field at game time.

Rainouts/Suspensions will be rescheduled as possible by the league scheduler.

All Cancellations will be made to the Brownsburg Little League Facebook page.

**VIII Minor League**

No revisions

**IX Special Games**

No revisions

**X Night Games**

No revisions

**XI Admission to Games**

No revisions

**XII Awards**

No revisions

**XIII Commercialization**

No revisions

**XIV Field Decorum**

Representatives from both teams are responsible for setting up and raking the field prior to and after their game. This includes putting away all equipment after the game and maintenance of home plate and the pitcher’s mound, including placing tarps down after the last game of the day. They are also responsible for supplying an adult to operate the scoreboard and to keep the official scorebook. Each manager is responsible for cleaning his side of the field, dugout, and **bleacher** area immediately after the game.

Teams playing the first game of a double header shall vacate the dugout immediately upon completion of the game. Hold post-game conferences off the field.

**XV Advertising, Television, and Radio**

No revisions

# XVI Use of Little League Name and Emblem

No revisions

# XVII Tournament Play

No revisions

**OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES**

**LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL**

*As adopted by the Board of Directors*

**Rule 1.0**

* 1. Each team will field the number of players as listed below. The infield must always be played as a normal infield, including a catcher.

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Division Name | Number of players in the field | Minimum play time |
| T-Ball, Instructional | All present | Every inning |
| Rookies, A, AA | 10 (4 outfielders) | 3 innings |
| AAA, Majors | 9 | 3 innings |

All extra players will be positioned as outfielders, spreading them out equally. The players should be rotated from outfield to infield equally each game. A catcher will be used.

* 1. See table below for scoring rules.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Division Name | Keep Score/Standings | Post-season Tournament | Maximum runs/Inning |
| T-Ball, Instructional | No | No | N/A |
| Rookies | No | No | 5 runs |
| A, AA, AAA | Yes | Yes | 5 runs |
| Majors | Yes | Yes | None |

**Rule 2.0**

**foul ball zone (T-bALL & iNSTRUCTIONAL only)** – A line will be marked down each foul line 6 foot to form a hypotenuse of a triangle. A ball must be hit outside this zone to be considered in fair territory. A ball that comes to rest inside this zone is considered a foul ball.

**INFIELD FLY**

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| --- | --- |
| Division Name | Infield Fly Applicable? |
| T-Ball, Instructional, Rookies, A | No |
| AA, AAA, Majors | Yes |

**OUTFIELDER** - Outfielders must play in the grass (outfielders—should not be used as another infielder)

## OUTS/INNING

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Division Name | Outs retire player to bench | Additional Notes |
| T-Ball | No | Batter or runner remains on base regardless of play. |
| Instructional | No | Batter or runner remains on base regardless of play, including no strikeouts. |
| Rookies, A, AA, AAA, Majors | Yes | 3 outs to end ½ inning. |

**Rule 3.0**

No revisions

**Rule 4.0**

**Game Length**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Division Name | Number of Innings | Time Limit |
| T-Ball, Instructional  | 4 innings | 1 hour |
| Rookies | 5 innings | 1 hour, 45 minutes |
| A | 6 innings | 1 hour, 45 minutes |
| AA, AAA, Majors | 6 innings | 1 hour, 45 minutes\* |

\*When two weeknight games are scheduled for a field, the time limit becomes a “drop-dead” time limit. This means the game will conclude immediately upon reaching 1 hour 45 minutes. If an inning has not been completed, the score will revert to the last completed inning. Otherwise, the time limit is the time upon which no new inning can begin.

Note: There is no time limit on Championship Games.

**½ Inning Length**

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| --- | --- |
| Division Name | When ½ Inning Ends |
| T-Ball, Instructional | After all players have batted. |
| Rookies, A, AA, AAA | 3 outs or 5 runs scored |
| Majors | 3 outs |

**Rule 5.0**

No revisions

**Rule 6.0**

**Bunting Rule**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Division Name | Bunting Allowed? | Slash Bunting? |
| T-Ball, Instructional, Rookies, A | No | No |
| A, AA, AAA, Majors | Yes | No – If attempted (no contact necessary on the swing), the play is immediately ruled dead. The batter is out and no runners may advance. |

**Dropped 3rd Strike Rule**

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| --- | --- |
| Division Name | Dropped 3rd Strike Applicable? |
| T-Ball, Instructional, Rookies, A, AA, AAA | No |
| Majors | Yes |

**Rule 7.0**

## Maximum Number of Bases per Batted Ball

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Division Name | Number of Bases | Overthrow Rules |
| T-Ball | 1 base\* | No runner may advance due to overthrowing a base. |
| Instructional | 1 base (ball hit to infield) \*2 bases (ball hit to outfield) \* | No runner may advance due to overthrowing a base. |
| Rookies, A | No limit | Limit to one base overthrow per batter |
| AA, AAA, Majors | No limit | No limit |

\*Exception is for the last batter of an inning. Last batter may run the full 4 bases. To avoid any contact at home, all plays at home are force outs. Additionally, the ½ inning ends if a defensive player records a force out at home plate.

## Base Stealing

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Division Name | Base stealing allowed? | Advancement on wild pitch/passed ball? |
| T-Ball, Instructional, Rookies, A | No | No |
| AA | Yes; No Delayed Stealing | Yes; only one base per pitch |
| AAA, Majors | Yes | Yes |

**Rule 8.0**

No revisions

**Rule 9.0**

No revisions

**Points of Emphasis:**

**Temperature Rule:**

* Practices – The “feels like” temperature has to be greater than or equal to **45** degrees throughout the duration of practice. The official feels like temperature can be found on the Brownsburg Little League baseball site at <http://www.brownsburgbaseball.com> If the “feels like” temperature drops below 45 degrees, practice must cease immediately. Any team manager may be called before the Board for if caught practicing with a feels like temperature below **45** degrees.
* Games – There is no minimum temperature requirement for games.

**Facemask Requirements**

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| Division Name | Facemask requirement |
| T-Ball, Instructional, Rookies, A, AA, AAA | Full coverage facemasks are required for all players. |
| Majors | Must have facial protection in the form of a c-flap or a full coverage facemask. |

**There are NO ON DECK BATTERS! In between innings, only one batter is allowed outside of the dugout, all other players MUST remain INSIDE the dugout and behind the fence (not standing in the door of th dugout).**

 **Run Rules:**

* If a team is ahead by 15 or more runs after 3 innings, 10 or more runs after 4 innings, or 8 or more runs after 5 full innings (or at any point in the bottom half of those innings if the home team is leading), the game is over and that team wins.

**Ties:**

* Any regular season game that is tied after the final inning because of the time limit, shall be declared a tie game.
* Ties will count in the standings as a 1/2 win and 1/2 loss,
* Tournament games cannot end in a tie. Extra innings must be played until there is a winner.
* If a regular season game is tied after 6 innings and the time limit has not been reached, one extra inning will be played.

**Play at Home**

* The runner is out when: the runner does not slide (or attempt) to get around a fielder who HAS the ball and is waiting to make the tag. The runner must attempt to avoid a collision if he can reach the base without colliding.

**Reporting Game Score and Pitch Counts:**

All pitch counts and scores must be reported to the division director following the game by the home team. Opponent should be copied on the communication.

**Minimum Number of Players for a Game:**

**Regular Season:**

 Pool Players: If less than 8 players than a pool player can be used

A team can field 8 players and still play.
Pool Players must bat last in the batting order
Pool Players must play an outfield position

**Tournament:** Pool Players: not allowed

A team can field 8 players and still play.
If less than 8 rostered players are playing in the game then an out will be given to each missing player in the line-up to get the team up to a minimum of 8 players. Missing player(s) “outs” will count at their respective batting spot at the bottom of the line-up.