

MBA Little League Challenger Rules

1. The Home team will sit in the 3rd base dugout. The Away team will sit in the first base dugout. The Away team will bat first.
2. All potential managers and coaches must be approved by the MBA Board of Directors.
3. Each team will have a minimum of one team manager and a team coach. When players are present, one Board approved manager and/or coach must be in the dugout at all times.
4. Each team will consist of no more than 10 players.
5. Players will range in age from 5-21
6. Each player will be assigned a buddies to assist with game play. Additional volunteers can be used as base coaches (helmet is required), coaching assistants, our reserve buddies in the event an assigned buddy can not attend a game.
7. No unauthorized adults or children are allowed in the dugouts.
9. Parents may contact the VP of the Challenger League to request team changes prior to the first game of the season. All request will be handled on an individual basis.
10. The time limit for a Challenger game is one hour or two innings, whichever comes first. A third inning may be played if time allows and is agreed upon by the managers of each team.
11. All players, along with their buddies, will play the field when on defense. Players will be directed to baseball positions with the best attempt being made to limit the infield to play in not more than 6 players and their buddies.
12. Catcher's gear is required including mask with protective throat guard.
13. A coach or designated adult will pitch to their team. A batter will be limited to six (6) pitches per at bat, if batter does not hit the ball fair a T will be set up to hit off of. A batter will continue to bat until the batter hits safely and advances to first base.
14. All batters and base runners must wear a helmet, preferably one with a protective face cage when tolerated.
15. There are no balls, strikes or outs. Each batter will advance one base, except for the final batter who will round the bases forcing all base runners home.
16. There are no lead-offs or stealing in the Challenger division
17. Sliding is not recommended and should be discouraged.
18. No score or standings will be kept in the Challenger Division.
19. The batting order shall consist of all players who show up for a game. Every inning all players will bat once through the order. Fielding substitutions may be made at any time (free substitution) and do not need to be reported.
20. The defensive team shall not leave the field until the last batter has crossed home plate.
21. It is permissible to have two (2) adults, in addition to the pitcher, within the playing field. These adults may serve as base coaches on offense, and as outfield coaches on defense..
22. In the event of player conflict, either with other players or buddies please advise the League VP as soon as possible so that we may determine the best course of action to be taken.
23. A batted ball hit on fly to outfield grass will be a home run.