

Mesa American Little League

The "Little League Baseball Official Rule Book" shall be used as the official rules and guidelines. 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 – Tee Ball Division

- A. Batting order shall consist of all players PRESENT.
- B. The avoid contact rule shall be in effect for all games (Rule 7.08(a3)).
- C. No base sliding.
- D. The offense is retired when all players bat.
- F. A player is "out" when they get tagged out or forced out. "out's" do not end an inning.
- G. There are no walks, each player must hit the ball.
- H. April: All players hit from the Tee.
May : The offensive Manager or coach shall toss 4 balls to the batter from 25-35 feet away. After 4 pitches, if the batter does not hit, they may hit from the tee.
- I. No score is kept.
- J. Final interpretation of a rule shall be the responsibility of the MALL Board.
- K. Problems or conflicts shall be the responsibility of the Division Vice-President (parent or coach related) or Player Agent (player related)
- L. The offensive Manager calls plays at all bases, no umpires are provided.
- M. Managers and coaches may coach both first and third as long as there is a Board approved volunteer to assist with pitching and batting.
- N. Base stealing is NOT allowed.
- O. Play consists of 6 infielders with the remaining players in the outfield.

II. PLAYER/COACH SAFETY

- A. Players MUST NOT wear watches, rings, pins or jewelry of any kind. (exception: Medical items or League Awarded Pins)

III. ELIGIBILITY

- A. A player must be league age 5 or 6.
- B. A 4 year old may be allowed with prior approval.

IV. TEAMS

- A. There will be no less than 10 rostered players nor more than 14 rostered players on each team at any time during the season.
- B. No unscheduled interleague play shall take place, without prior approval.

V. TIME LIMITS

- A. No new inning shall begin after 1 hour from the scheduled starting time of the game, not when the game actually starts. Any inning started before the 1 hour cut-off time SHALL be finished regardless of time.
- B. Rained out and incomplete games will be rescheduled by the Division VP or Executive VP to be made up as soon as possible.

VI. MANAGERS AND COACHES

- A. Managers and coaches shall acknowledge their respective duties and responsibilities 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 (managers, coaches, etc.) on the field.
- C. Both team managers are responsible for ensuring that the baseball field is ready for play (bases out, etc.) prior to the scheduled starting time of the game unless a board approved field prep staff member has been assigned to the task. The visiting team manager is responsible for ensuring that at the end of their game, all league equipment (bases, etc.) is either put away or turned over to the home team manager of the next game.
- D. Both managers are to supply one game ball for each game played.
- E. The defensive team is allowed to have three adults stationed on the field.

VII. MANDATORY PLAY

- A. Every players plays in the field and bats.
- B. No player is to sit out defensively.