

LIVE OAK LITTLE LEAGUE

2018 Farm Local Rules

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1) Age Range:

- a) 6-8 year olds
- b) First year 6 year olds and younger must play one year of T-ball.

2) Equipment:

- a) Only league issued “safety” balls, and Little League approved helmets, bats and catcher’s gear shall be used.

3) General League Rules:

- a) All Managers/Coaches shall **READ** and **KNOW** all rules supplied by Little League International and LOLL. They shall keep a copy of all rules with their equipment. All managers, coaches or other on-field volunteers must yearly complete the Little League International background check form and turn it in to LOLL, prior to being allowed on the field (even during practices).
- b) The home team will occupy the third base dugout/bench.
- c) The home team is responsible for setting up the field.
 - i. All bases, dragging and watering infield dirt.
 - ii. Dugout screens.
 - iii. Chalk foul lines, pitchers arc, and batter’s box.
- d) The visitor team will occupy the first base dugout/bench.
- e) The visitors must help home team set-up if first or second game of day. If playing the last game of day visitors are responsible for putting all field equipment away and **LOCKED!** Both teams are responsible after the game for making sure the field, dugout areas and stands are clean and all garbage is placed in the cans provided.
- f) For safety reasons:
 - i. There is no on deck batter.
 - ii. Batters are not allowed to pick up their bat until it is their turn in the batting order and they are walking up to the plate.
- g) No parents are allowed on the playing field during a game unless they are officially participating as a coach or umpire.
- h) All managers/coaches and players shall exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. If at any time a LOLL Board member believes that poor sportsmanship has occurred and/or an incident has been reported to them, the incident will then be reported to the responsible League Commissioner (for managers or coaches) and/or the Player Agent (for players). The League Commissioner and/or Player Agent will meet with the “offending” party and others whom may have observed the purported incident to collect information and determine if further review is needed. The League Commissioner and/or Player Agent will then meet with the Executive Committee to discuss the incident, report their findings, and recommend if further action is warranted. If it is found that there may be an issue, one and/or all of the following may occur:
 - i. Offending manager/coach shall appear before the Executive Board to discuss the situation and if warranted, suspension from one or more games.
 - ii. Offending player shall meet with the Player Agent and League Commissioner to discuss the situation and if warranted, suspension from one or more games.

They may also be required to write a letter, as determined by the Player Agent and League Commissioner, about sportsmanship to the league/team(s), which must be received prior to their participation in any future games.

- i) If the incident is serious enough, the offending manager/coach or player, with Executive Board approval, may be disqualified from All-Star participation or other post-season activities.
- j) It is a privilege, and not the right of a team to take warm-up practice on the field. Except for unusual circumstances, all games are to start on time.
 - i. Home team will be allowed to warm-up 15 minutes prior to game time.
 - ii. Visiting team will be allowed to warm-up 15-30 minutes prior to game time.
- k) **Minimum play requirements:** The board suggests that each player play a minimum of 4 complete defensive innings. Exception; minimum 3 complete defensive innings if the game is shortened for any reason.
- l) **Game time:** 6 innings or 1 ½ hours.
 - i. No new inning will begin after 75 minutes.
 - ii. Once an inning has begun, it must be completed.
- m) There is a **5-run** limit to each batted ½ inning. After **5** runs are scored or 3 outs are made in a ½ inning (whichever comes first), the team batting and the team in the field will switch.
- n) No score will be kept, only to enforce a 5-run limit per inning.
- o) If a rule is not presently covered in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules (Green Book) or by these local rules and/or needs clarification, the Executive Board will make a ruling and those rules and/or clarification shall then be incorporated as a local rule.

4) Offense:

- a) Coaches pitch to your own team:
 - i. No closer than 40' (behind pitching arc) or where mound flattens out.
 - ii. Must pitch over hand, No sitting on a bucket, kneeling is ok.
 - iii. No coaching runners or batters.
 - iv. The coach pitching also acts as the umpire.
 - v. Must wear closed toe shoes.
 - vi. Each batter gets 5 pitches. A foul on the 5th pitch continues the at bat.
 - vii. If a batted ball hits the coach, it is a single.
 - viii. Any batter hit by coach pitch will not be awarded 1st base.
- b) A continuous batting order will be used. At the end of a game, the final batter will be noted and the next batter in the lineup will lead off the next game. Coaches may switch the batting order and line up half way through the season.
- c) No advancing on passed balls or overthrows.
- d) **No throwing bats or other baseball equipment.**
 - i. 1st two offenses (per game) = a verbal warning given to player and coaches.
 - ii. 3rd offense (per game) = the player may be benched for safety reasons.
- e) There should be 3 coaches on field at a time; one pitcher/umpire, one at 1st base and one at 3rd base. Minimum of one adult in the dugout at all times.
- f) Feet first sliding is allowed. Although discouraged, there is no penalty for sliding into 1st base. Sliding head first is only allowed when returning to a base. **Please see rule 7.08(a)(3) and 7.08(a)(4).**
- g) On a batted ball, the base runner should run to the base they “deserve,” based on their hit and can advance at their own risk.
- h) No bunting.
- i) No stealing, no leadoffs.

5) Defense:

- a) 10 players on the field at one time. 4 outfielders, pitcher, catcher, 3rd, SS, 2nd, and 1st base positions. Outfield positions will be at least 5 ft into the grass of the outfield.
- b) Pitcher stops play when on the rubber with the ball.
- c) Only 2 coaches on the field to assist defensive players.
- d) The manager should, at a minimum, change fielding positions every 2 innings with the intent of allowing all players to play all positions throughout the season.
- e) A player must be at the catcher's position and wear the appropriate catchers gear, helmet, and a cup. The league urges that all players wear a protective cup.

6) Other:

- a) There is no draft at this level. The Player Agent, League Commissioner and Director of Registration shall assign players to teams.