

# LIVE OAK LITTLE LEAGUE

## 2018 Majors Local Rules

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### 1) Age Range:

- a) 10-12 year olds
  - i. 10 year olds that have played 2 years of AA ball shall be eligible for Majors draft if their parents indicate their wish to be considered for Majors during registration and/or try-outs. This does not guarantee placement on a Majors team.
  - ii. 11 year olds who have never played baseball or have one year of experience may play Majors. LOLL Board members will determine the appropriate level for each player.

### 2) Equipment:

- a) Only league issued "RLLB" balls, and Little League approved helmets 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.
  - ii. Chalk foul lines and batter's box / catcher's box.
  - iii. Drag and water infield dirt and base paths.
  - iv. Field set up shall be completed 45 minutes prior to start of game to allow both teams on-field warm-up time.
- 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 last game of day, visitors are responsible for putting all equipment away and **LOCKED!** Both teams are responsible after the game for making sure the field, dugout area and stands are clean and all garbage is placed in the cans provided.
- f) If last game of the day:
  - i. Home team manager and coaches are responsible for **locking the home dugout, scoreboard and score booth.**
  - ii. Visiting team manager and coaches are responsible for **locking the visitor dugout and all equipment sheds.**
- g) For safety reasons:
  - a. There is no on deck batter. First batter of each half-inning is allowed to swing beside dugout area during pitcher warm-ups while coaches supervise. **Rule 1.08**
  - b. 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.
  - c. Players catching for a pitcher warming-up on the playing field or bullpen area must at a minimum wear a facemask and glove. The league urges that full protective gear is worn.

- d. All catchers must wear protective cups. All players are urged to wear protective cups.
- h) No parents are allowed on the playing field or in the dugouts during a game unless they are officially participating as a coach or umpire.
- i) 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.
  - iii. 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 warm-up time on the field in the slot 20-5 minutes prior to game time.
  - ii. Visiting team will be allowed warm-up time on the field in the slot 40-25 minutes prior to game time.
  - iii. No warm-up shall be held during the last 5 minutes prior to game time to allow for umpire/manager meeting and final pre-game field maintenance.
  - iv. If there is no previously scheduled batting practice at the batting cages, then both teams can take batting practice 60-30 minutes prior to the game.
  - v. If there is a non-game team having a scheduled batting practice then:
    - a. Home team will use one batting cage 45-30 minutes prior to the game.
    - b. Visiting team will use one batting cage 60-45 minutes prior to the game.
- k) **Minimum play requirements:** The board suggests each player should play a minimum of 1 complete game every 5 games. Little League rules mandate a minimum of 6 defensive outs and 1 at bat per game. **Regulation IV (i).**
- l) **Game time:** Must complete 6 innings of play.
- m) There is a 10 run “Mercy Rule” after 4 innings.
- n) 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) No throwing bats or other baseball equipment.
  - i. 1st offense = a warning to the player and manager
  - ii. 2nd offense = the player may be benched for safety reasons.
- b) Third strike not caught rule is in effect. **Rule 6.09 (b)**
- c) Minimum of one adult in the dugout at all times. Each team shall station two base coaches, one at 1<sup>st</sup> base and one at 3<sup>rd</sup> base. Players can base coach. No Switching of team adults in dugout during the game. The 3 that start the game must finish. If you need to switch for some emergency reason, the umpire must be notified and the other coaches must agree. (or if a coach is going to be late, the umpire must be notified during the plate talk and the other manager must agree).
- d) Feet first sliding is allowed. Although discouraged, there is no penalty for sliding into 1<sup>st</sup> base. Sliding head first is only allowed when returning to a base. **Please see rule 7.08(a)(3) and 7.08(a)(4).**
- e) Runners may advance on a passed ball and steal after a pitch crosses home plate.
- f) Bunting is allowed.

#### 5) Defense/Pitching:

- a) Infield fly rule is in effect. **Rule 2.00**
- b) Little League pitch count rules apply: **Regulation VI (c)**
- c) Mandatory rest days are enforced according to Little League International Rules. **Regulation VI (d)**

#### 6) Other:

- a) All players, 10 years and older MUST tryout prior to draft.
- b) 10 year-olds who wish to be eligible to be drafted to the Majors division MUST tryout.

#### 7) All-Star Tournament Selection:

- a) At the conclusion of the regular season schedule, Managers for Tournament teams will submit player selections to the LOLL Board of Directors. Player Agent and the LOLL Board will approve all player selections, and review all requests for players to “play up” beyond their league age.