



**Northwest Downey**

**Little League**

**2024 GENERAL RULES**

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1. **NO** on-deck batters in any division at any time.
2. The ball is live after a walk and the runner may advance at his or her own risk.
3. **NO** jewelry of any kind, except for a Medical Alert bracelet or necklace.
4. Home team is responsible for setting up the field before each game. This includes dragging the infield, raking (base lines, home plate, and pitching mound), and tamping the mound and home, and watering the field. Also, you are responsible for chalking/painting the baselines, batter's box, and putting in our bases. **This will be strictly enforced and may result in a manager's suspension.**
5. Visiting team is responsible for cleaning the field after each game. This includes dragging the infield, raking (base lines, home plate, and pitching mound), and tamping the mound and home, and watering the field, securing the bases and other equipment back in our bin. **This will be strictly enforced and may result in a manager's suspension.**
6. Standing water on the field after rain must be removed with a broom and/or rake prior to applying drying agent (Diamond Dry, Quick Dry, etc.). Drying agent should be applied sparingly until water has dissipated.
7. Players may chatter "positively". They cannot say "swing" or other chatter during the batter's swing. No verbal taunting will be directed at the pitcher during the pitcher's wind-up. No verbal interference. No negative songs.
8. Managers are responsible for controlling their players and parents during the game. Managers must instruct parents to refrain from talking to the players, umpire, score keeper or pitch counter at any time during the game. **All non-coaches should not distract players and/or managers, coaches, or team moms during a game.**
9. Playing of music or use of noisemakers during the games by players or spectators is prohibited.
10. Managers or coaches are permitted to warm up a pitcher (regular season only) at home plate or in the bullpen or elsewhere at any time including in-game warm-up, pre-game warm-up, and in other instances. They may also stand by to observe a pitcher during warm-up in the bullpen. Any player warming up a pitcher must wear a catcher's helmet, mask, and throat guard must be attached to each catcher's mask, even the hockey style mask.
11. Games can be considered to have ended in a tie in the Minor A and Minor B divisions. In the MINOR B & A divisions, the Board may decide to continue play of a tied game to determine playoff seeding. **There is no score kept in the T-Ball & first half of the Minor C divisions.**
12. No makeup games due to weather or field cancellations for T-Ball or Minor C. All other divisions we will do our best time permitting to make up games if it affects the standings.
13. **There is no eating in the dugout including sunflower seeds and gum.**

14. Each team must have at least 8 players and a manager or acting manager to start a game. A team with less than 8 players and or manager will be allowed 10 minutes from the games start time for more players and or a manager to arrive. If said team does NOT have at least 9 players and a manager after the 10-minute grace period, that game will be forfeited. (Example: Game time is 5:00pm and Team A only has 8 players, Team A will then have until 5:10pm to get at least 1 more player to make 9.)

**Managers, coaches, and team moms not adhering to the above rules may be subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Board and/or Disciplinary Committee.**

## **2024 T-BALL DIVISION RULES**

1. Must hit off the Tee (\*Second Half - 5 pitches to each player, then hit off Tee after 5th pitch. **(Coach will pitch overhand from a minimum distance of twenty-five (25) feet from home plate.)**)
2. Bat your entire team every inning.
3. Home team supplies five (5) game balls.
4. Only the batter should have a bat in their hands with a helmet on
5. Assistance from team mom and other coaches to keep players away from the batter.
6. Substitute infield players with outfield players every inning. No player may repeat a position in back-to-back innings.
7. No new inning after 1 hour 15 minutes; drop dead at 1 hour 30 minutes.
8. Players should be taught to throw to first base. No tagging of players and no plays should be attempted at home plate.
9. Coaches in the field of play should not obstruct the players view of the batter and avoid getting hit by the ball.
10. **NO** more than 3 approved coaches will be allowed in the playing area. That includes dugout and field.
11. No protests allowed.

## **2024 MINOR C DIVISION RULES**

1. When setting up the field, put a three foot (3') chalk line between first and second, second and third base, third and home, and 25' mark for coach to pitch from.
2. Bat your whole team in the first inning. The following innings play 3 outs, 5 runs, or everyone in the line-up bats -whichever occurs first.
3. Coach will pitch 5 pitches overhand from a minimum distance of twenty-five (25) feet from home plate to the batter, if batter misses 5th pitch the batter is out. Batter will be given one more pitch after each ball is fouled off, after the 5th pitch.
4. No players may pitch. Pitcher position player must have one foot within pitching circle.
5. Substitute infield players with outfield players every inning. Players should not play the same position each inning.
6. 9 players on the field at any one time. (P, C, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, LF, CF, and RF)
7. Ball is dead when the infielder controls the ball in the infield and calls time by raising his/her hands. If the base runner is more than halfway between bases (as determined by the chalk lines), that runner may advance to that base. If not more than halfway, the runner must return to the base previously touched.
9. If ball hits a coach who is pitching the ball is live.
10. No new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes; drop dead game at 1 hour and 45 minutes, or 6 innings.
11. No more than 2 defensive coaches in the field of play and they should not obstruct the players view of the batter and avoid getting hit by the ball. **NO** more than 3 approved coaches will be allowed in the playing area. That includes dugout and field.
12. No courtesy runners allowed unless due to player injury.
13. No protests allowed.
14. No makeup games due to weather or field cancellations

### **Second Half of the season**

Same as above, except for rules 15, 16, & 17 below:

15. a. Bench players must be rotated into the field every inning.
15. b. No player should sit more than one inning in a row.
15. c. No player should sit more than one inning until all players have sat one inning.
16. Score will be kept for playoff seeding. Play 3 outs, 5 runs, or everyone in the order bats-whichever occurs first.
17. No defensive coaches allowed in the field of play

## **2024 MINOR B DIVISION RULES**

1. Playing rules will be followed in accordance with the Little League Playing Rules found in the 2024 Little League Rule Book.
2. **NO** more than 3 approved coaches will be allowed in the playing area. That includes dugout and field.
3. Adult base coaches are allowed at both first and third base, if there is at least one approved adult coach in the dugout.
4. Players may coach a base but must wear a helmet at all times.
5. The Mercy Rule will apply if the losing team is down by 10 runs or more after 4 completed innings, or after 3 ½ innings if the home team is leading.
6. Pitchers will pitch at 46 feet for the entire season.
7. Continuous batting order with "courtesy runner" allowed in the event of injury and for the catcher and or pitcher of record when there are two outs. The courtesy runner must be the player in the batting order who made the last out.
8. Defensive substitutions can be made at any time.
9. Each player must play at least 6 defensive outs and bat once in the game.
10. The half-inning is complete after 3 outs, 5 runs score, or the entire line up bats.
11. A five-run limit will also be imposed, which would complete the half inning. However, the sixth inning will be unlimited/open.
12. Home plate is closed to steal on past balls for the first half of the season. Home plate will be open to steal for the second half of the season.
13. No **NEW** inning will begin after the 1 hour 40-minute mark of the game and the game will stop "drop dead" right at the 2-hour mark of the game. If an inning cannot be finished due to time limit or lighting issues, the game's FINAL score will revert to the last COMPLETED inning for the time being. If an uncompleted game is determined (by the Board of Directors) to have playoff implications the **inning** of the game in question will be scheduled to resume until it is completed.
14. Fifth inning will be considered the "open" inning based on time after 1 hour 30 minutes.
15. All protests will be made in accordance with Little League Rule 4.19(c) (1)

## 2024 MINOR A DIVISION RULES

1. Playing rules will be followed in accordance with the Little League Playing Rules found in the 2024 Little League Rule Book.
2. **NO** more than 3 approved coaches will be allowed in the playing area. That includes dugout and field.
3. Adult base coaches are allowed at both first and third base, if there is at least one approved adult coach in the dugout.
4. Players may coach a base but must wear a helmet at all times.
5. The Mercy Rule will apply if the losing team is down by 10 runs or more after 4 completed innings, or after 3 ½ innings if the home team is leading.
6. A five-run limit will also be imposed, which would complete the half inning. However, the sixth inning will be unlimited. The half inning is ended when the offensive team scores five runs, bats through the batting order one time, or three outs are recorded.
7. After four complete innings of play, managers can agree to allow unlimited runs prior to the sixth inning. This decision must be declared and made known to the umpire prior to the start of the inning.
8. Continuous batting order with "courtesy runner" allowed in the event of injury and for the catcher and or pitcher of record when there are two outs. The courtesy runner must be the player in the batting order who made the last out.
9. If a player arrives late to a game and the manager chooses to enter the player in the lineup, the player will be added to the end of the current lineup and must play the mandated time of one at bat and six defensive outs.
10. For games not lasting the full six (6) innings, those players not getting the mandatory playing time, must start the next game and make up the lost playing time at the next game. If the player does not attend the next game, the Mandatory Play rule does not apply..
11. No **NEW** inning will begin after the 1 hour 50-minute mark of the game and the game will stop "drop dead" right at the 2-hour 15-minute mark of the game. If an inning cannot be finished due to time limit or lighting issues, the game's FINAL score will revert to the last COMPLETED inning for the time being. If an uncompleted game is determined (by the Board of Directors) to have playoff implications the **inning** of the game in question will be scheduled to resume until it is completed.
12. Fifth inning will be considered the "open" inning based on time after 1 hour 45 minutes.
13. A batter may become a runner when the third strike is not caught by the catcher, provided first base is unoccupied with less than two outs, the third out must always be recorded regardless, of the base runner situation.
14. All protests will be made in accordance with Little League Rule 4.19 (c) (1)

## **2024 MAJOR'S DIVISION RULES**

1. Playing rules will be followed in accordance with the Little League Playing Rules found in the 2024 Little League Rule Book.
2. **NO** more than 3 approved coaches will be allowed in the playing area. That includes dugout and field.
3. Adult base coaches are allowed at both first and third base, if there is at least one approved adult coach in the dugout.
4. Players may coach a base but must wear a helmet at all times.
5. The Mercy Rule will apply if the losing team is down by 10 runs or more after 4 completed innings, or after 3 ½ innings if the home team is leading.
6. There is no "drop dead" time limit for a Majors game. Any game not completing 5 or 4 ½ innings with the home team leading shall be an incomplete game. If a game cannot be finished due to lighting issues, the game's FINAL score will revert to the last COMPLETED inning for the time being. If an uncompleted game is determined (by the Board of Directors) to have playoff implications the **inning** of the game in question will be scheduled to resume until it is completed.
7. For games not lasting the full six innings, those players not getting the mandatory playing time, must start the next game and make up the missed playing time at the next game. If those players do not attend the next game, the two and one rule does not apply.
8. Continuous batting order with "courtesy runner" allowed in the event of injury and for the catcher and or pitcher of record when there are two outs. The courtesy runner must be the player in the batting order who made the last out.
9. If a player arrives late to a game and the manager chooses to enter the player in the line-up, the player must play the mandated time of one at bat and six defensive outs.
10. Little League rule 6.02 (c) will be followed: After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat. See Little League Rule Book for exceptions to the rule and the related penalty.
11. All protests will be made in accordance with Little League Rule 4.19 (c) (1)