**Major Baseball Local Rules 2024**

1. Run Rule - The game ends if a team has a lead of fifteen (15) after three innings, ten (10) after four innings, or eight (8) after five innings.

2. Substitutes – All players must enter the game defensively by the top of the fourth (4th) inning. Top of the fourth (4th) innings shall be defined as “Prior to the first pitch being thrown to the first batter of the fourth(4th) inning.” Refer to the 2024 LL Rule Book for all other playing requirements and penalties.

3. Forfeited Game – If a team has less than eight (8) players to start the game after a ten (10) minute grace period, they lose by forfeit. A game may not be continued if a team drops below eight (8) players during the game for any reason. Play the game or remainder of the game as a scrimmage.

4. Tournament Eligible – For a player to be considered ballot eligible for the international tournament selection at Warner Robins American Little League baseball, that player shall have participated, as defined by the 2023 Little League Rule book, in 8 regular season games. Any player failing to meet this requirement may request an exception from the local BOD. The reasons and documentation for failing to meet their requirement shall be presented to the BOD and the BOD shall determine if the player will be given an exception and placed on the ballot. This bylaw is in no way to be interpreted that the local BOD has the authority to allow a player to participate in the international tournament below the eight (8) game threshold for any reason other than injury or illness with a physicians note.

5. Rainout – Makeup games will be rescheduled by the BOD. Failure to appear for the makeup game will result in a forfeit.

6. Protest – All protest must be made before the next pitch to be considered. Place protest in official scorebook and send an email with twenty-four (24) hours after protest explaining what happen to Player Agent. Protest Committee will determine the outcome and answer is final.

7. Managers Are Required To – Umpire lower league games. Must have two (2) approved volunteers present for umpiring duties. If a manager or coach must be absent, it is their responsibility to find a qualified replacement. The replacement must be reported to and approved by the Player Agent at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the game. Not showing up or not having someone cover your game will result in a one (1) game suspension. The second offense will result in not being considered for All-Star selection and a two (2) game suspension. The third offense will result in manager being removed from the league for the remainder of the season. Additional penalties for subsequent violations may be levied by the BOD.

8. Draft – Will be common pool and wrap (meaning the team picking first in the first round will pick last in the second round). Eligible candidates are league age eleven (11) and twelve (12) year old’s as well as ten (10) year old’s who requested to and are approved by the BOD to play up. Any ten (10) year old not selected by the completion of the fifth (5th) round in the draft, will be sent to the Minor divisions draft. This does not apply to the manager son option. (Refer to 2024 LL rule book). Trades must be approved by a majority vote done by the managers of the division.

9. Player Movement – Eligible Minor League players may be brought up during the season as a replacement player on a Major League team. The player may be any ten (10) or eleven (11) year old. This selection must take place within four (4) business days of the Major League player’s release. If the selected player refuses to move up to the Major League team when selected, the player will be transferred to the Minor League team that eventually does lose the replacement player. That player will also not be able to go to a Major League team for the remainder of the season. Major League teams must have the same number of players. Managers are obligated to notify the Player Agent in the case of repeated absences of a player. Failure to notify the Player Agent of a player’s repeated absences is cause for disciplinary action against the Manager. If a player is injured, the Manager must notify the Player Agent promptly. The BOD will rule on whether the player needs to be replaced. The replacement player will become a permanent player for that team. Minor League teams will not be open for player movement once they have only ten (10) players on their roster. Once a Minor League team has had a player moved to the Major League, they cannot have another player removed until all teams have had a player moved up to the Major League. The Minor League team with the most players is first to be picked from.

10. Team Staff – One (1) manager, two (2) coaches, and one (1) dugout coach that has been approved by the BOD for that team are allowed in the dugout and field of play during the game. No batboys/batgirls. One (1) coach must remain in the dugout at all times.

11. Conduct – If the manager, coach, player, or fan are ejected for any reason during the game, the following penalties will be levied1.The offender will sit out a minimum of one (1) game, at this time the Conflict Committee will determine eligibility for All-Starselection2.The offender will be removed for the remainder of the season. Sitting out a game means the offender cannot be at the ballpark for the following game to include pre-game and post-game activities. Additional penalties may be levied by the BOD.

12. Time Limit – A game will consist of six (6) innings. No new inning shall start one (1) hour and forty (40) minutes from the start time. No new inning will start after ten (10) P.M. If time permits, tie games will be broken. Four (4) innings (three (3) and one half (1/2) if home team is ahead) constitutes a complete game in the case of bad weather or time limit. For scoring purposes, a shortened game for any of these reasons will revert to the last completed inning barring it met complete game requirements. If complete game requirements have not been met the game will be resumed at a later date determined by the BOD. All pitch counts will be recorded as played.

13. Slung Bat – For the first (1st) offense, batter and coach will be warned (umpire will have it noted in the Score Book). On the second(2nd) violation and any subsequent violation, the batter will be called out.

14. Sliding – A runner who slides headfirst going into a base will becalled out. A runner who does not slide, get around or give up when a fielder has the ball and waiting to make the tag will be called out.

15. Pitchers – All pitching rules will be followed according to the 2024 LL Rule Book.

**League Age:**

**11-12 85 pitches a day**

**9-10 75 pitches a day**

**7-8 50 pitches a day**

**Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in Regulation VI (C) for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occur and revert back to the limit at the start of the batter:**

**●That batter reaches base**

**●That batter is put out**

**●The third out is made to complete the half inning**

**Note: A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.**

**Note: Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.**

**Pitchers Rest Requirements**

**●If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed**

**●If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed**

**●If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed**

**●If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed**

**●If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, zero (0) calendar days of rest is required**

16. Offense – A continuous batting order will be used.

17. Standings – TBD

18. Courtesy Runner – If a player who has either been awarded a base or is already a runner is injured, the offensive team will be allowed to use a courtesy runner for the injured player until the player either scores, gets out, or the innings ends. This courtesy runner will be the last out made of in the case of an out has not been made in the game; the last batter in the lineup will be used. If the player comes to bat later in the game, then the player will be expected to run for themselves.

19. Bats – Refer to 2024 LL Rule Book or littleleague.org for the new and updated bat rules

20. Responsibilities – Both managers will be responsible for field prep before and after scheduled games to include dragging, raking, mound and batter box repair, and chalking and painting of the field. Both managers will be responsible for cleaning the trash from the dugout and bleachers from their side of the field. If the trash can in the dugout is over half full, pull the bag and place it beside the dugout.

●The visiting team will be responsible for operating scoreboard and keeping the Pitch Count sheet for both team’s pitchers. The Pitch Count sheet will be filed in the Pitch Count folder and entered online immediately after the game and before leaving the park.

●The home team will be responsible for keeping the official scorebook. The home team will also enter All scores online immediately after the game before leaving the park.

●Both managers must sign the Official Scorebook and Pitch Count before leaving the park. Penalties for not doing this will be levied by the BOD