

2019 ORCUTT NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE
LOCAL LEAGUE RULES effective 01/15/19

Note: These rules are in addition to the "Little League Baseball". Official playing rules therefore items not discussed herein are covered and at the pool and your Little League rule book. Little League allows local chapter board of directors to change or modify some of their rules.

General Rules for all Divisions

Glass containers, gum and food are not permitted in the dugouts or on the field at any time. Sports drinks and water containers are allowed in the dugouts. Trash in the dugouts must be cleaned up after every game! Please make your players responsible!

Preseason practice will be limited to a maximum of 10 hours per week. 8 hours will be allowed during the week and two hours on the weekend. The practice sessions will be a duration of two (2) hours.

In-season practice will be limited to a maximum of six (6) hours per week. Practice sessions will be held no more than three (3) evenings and these sessions will not exceed the duration of two (2) hours. There will be no mandatory practice on Sunday preseason or in season.

Home team is responsible for prepping the fields. Prep includes dragging, watering, chalking, setting bases, bring out the garbage cans and hanging the flags (minor field Duty, regardless of which team is playing there).

Managers, coaches, players and parents are responsible for cleaning out their dugouts and the bleacher area after each game. Teams that play the last game of the day are responsible for emptying trash cans into the dumpster.

Visiting team is responsible for returning all League equipment to the storage shed and score keeper's room. The visiting team is also responsible for removing bases and dragging the field after the last game. All field equipment must be stored in the equipment storage shed and placed in its proper places.

Weather - the board member(s) on duty will determine if the fields are playable due to weather. If game has begun, the board member on duty makes all judgments regarding halting play due to weather conditions. If a game is only temporary halted, it shall resume from the point at which it is stopped. Scheduling of any halted or suspended game shall be on the sole discretion of the ONLL Board of Directors.

11-12 - 85 pitches per day

9-10 - 75 pitches per day

7-8 - 50 pitches per day

Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following 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 days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

MAJOR LEAGUE DIVISION

The board of directors reserves the right to determine (yearly) if the league would benefit from redrafting its major division. It is typically preferred to have returning major players to their prior team. However, it may be deemed necessary to redraft teams based on an unbalanced number of returning players. If this decision is made, it would be based on the desire to have parity amongst the teams which tends to result in fair game play for all players.

The **Home** team may use the batting cages from 1 hour up to 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. **Visiting** team can use the batting cages 30 minutes prior up to the start of the game. Majors may choose either the old cage or one of the new cages. Minors are to use only one of the new cages.

The scorekeeper is the official pitch recorder. They have the final decision on the pitch count. Managers can dispute the pitch count at the end of each inning only. A manager cannot dispute past inning only the inning they are currently playing. However, the scorekeeper cannot announce any violations of pitch count or other rule infractions unless asked by managers or umpire on duty.

Managers will be responsible for turning in a pitching affidavit form to the official scorekeeper prior to each game. If you do not have your pitching affidavit form before game time, your team may be subject to Forfeit. This decision will be made by the board member on duty. The game the manager will need to sign the pitching affidavit form, completed by the official scorekeeper.

If a game needs to be rescheduled due to inclement weather, the date and time will be determined by the board based on availability of the fields and umpires. If a rain out game occurs late in the season and is determined not to have an impact on seeding or playoff, games will not be rescheduled. If a game is requested to be rescheduled by a manager for other reasons, it must be deemed necessary by the board. Based on the availability to field a full team (9 players). No consideration will be made for rescheduling due to the lack of coaching staff. Ability of the requesting manager to give ample notice to the board for 1) it to be determine if the request is legitimate, 2) to notify the opposing team, 3) to secure a date fair to both teams regarding pitching, 4) to reschedule umpires.

Any player who hits a home run will be allowed to keep the game ball. The purchase of game balls is a large expense and it benefits the entire league to make sure that expenses are kept to a minimum, if possible.

At the end of the season, the winning team of the major division will participate in all Valley tournament. This tournament is hosted by the Santa Maria Elks Lodge. The All Star Tournament teams draft will be guided by the Little League president, player agent and secretary and voted on by a majority vote of managers of the **2019** league in which players played. The board of directors will select managers and approve coaches of the various tournament teams.

MINOR LEAGUE DIVISION

The **Home** team may use the batting cage one hour up to 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. The Visiting team can use the batting cages 30 minutes prior to up to the start of the game. Majors may choose either the old cage or one of the new cages minors are to use only one of the new cages.

The scorekeeper is the official pitch recorder; final decision on the pitch count. Managers can dispute the pitch count at the end of each inning only. A manager cannot dispute past innings only the inning they are currently playing., however the scorekeeper cannot announce any violation of pitch count or other rule infractions unless asked by managers or umpire on duty.

Managers will be responsible for turning in a pitching affidavit form to the official scorekeeper prior to each game. If you do not have your pitching affidavit form before game time, your team may be subject to Forfeit. This decision will be made by the board member on duty. At the end of the game manager will need to sign the pitching affidavit form once completed by the official scorekeeper.

As per rule 4.04 1. The Continuous batting order is mandatory for minor leagues. As per rule 5.07, the 5 run rule is in effect for minors division. Upon Declaration of the final inning made by the umpire at the top of the inning, the 5 run rule is no longer in effect. Game rescheduling - if a game needs to be rescheduled due to inclement weather, the date and time will be determined based on availability of fields and umpires. If a rain out game occurs late in the season and is determined not to have an impact on seeding or playoffs, the game will not be rescheduled.

There will be no new inning started after 1hr 50 min. Official game start time to be kept by the official scorekeeper.

If a game is requested to be rescheduled by a manager for other reasons, it must be deemed necessary by the board. This will be based on ability to field a full (9 players). No consideration will be made for rescheduling due to the lack of coaching staff. It is the responsibility of requesting manager to give ample notice to the board for: 1) it to be determined if the request is legitimate, 2) to notify the opposing team, 3) to secure a date fair for both teams regarding pitching, 4) to reschedule umpires. End of the season the winning team of the minor division will participate in the All Valley tournament. This tournament is hosted by the Santa Maria Elks Lodge. Additionally, the district allows, players will be selected to be part of a TOS (tournament of stars) team. The TOS draft will be guided by the league president, player agent, and secretary and voted on by a majority vote of managers of the **2019** league in which players played. The board of directors will select the managers and approve coaches of the tournament team.

FARM (C) LEAGUE DIVISION RULES

1st half-season - coach pitch/2nd half-season - player pitch.

Dates: 1st half 3/2/19-4/27/19 2nd half 4/28/18 - 6/1/18

(all other rules herein will apply for regular-season and tournament play)

Preliminaries each manager shall furnish their batting order with players first, last names and numbers

to the scorekeeper prior to the game (the second half of the Season, managers shall furnish a pitching affidavit to the scorekeeper also). Failure to provide pitching affidavits may result in forfeiture of the game. This decision will be made by the board member on duty. At the end of the game the manager will need to sign the pitching affidavit form, once completed by the official scorekeeper. The home team is responsible for an adult scorekeeper. Scorekeeper must write names in the official score book; this book will be found in the major scorekeepers room and returned immediately after each game. The manager/coach(or acting umpire) will not start the game until the scorekeeper is ready. The score keepers official pitch count recorder.

* An adult Dugout assistant will be permitted in The Dugout for player control and supervision but is not allowed on the field.

* Only level 5, safe / softballs are permitted. Hard balls are not permitted at any time. The manager or coach that pitches the ball is responsible for knowing what type of ball they are using. If a team uses a hardball the manager will be suspended immediately from that game and the following game. No exceptions!

* No protests are allowed

* No hitting balls against the fence with anything but wiffle balls.

* No on Deck circles, per Little League guidelines. No holding bat in Dugout. No donut on bats.

* The infield fly rule does not apply.

Stealing and sliding: Runners may not advance ("steal") a base. Sliding is not recommended but is legal. No headfirst sliding is ever permitted.

Regulation game: There will be no new inning started after one-and-one-half (1.5) hours. Official game start time to be kept by the official scorekeeper. A half inning is determined by three outs or batting through a team's lineup.

Defense: Coaches shall strive to provide equal playing time in each game for all players at this level of play, providing players are present and are willing to participate.

* player shall not sit consecutive innings in each game, unless due to injury or sickness.

* defensive teams consist of a pitcher, a catcher, 4 infielders and 4 outfielders. Outfielders are to be stationed in the Outfield grass area. No short "rover's".

* A ground-rule double shall be awarded if the batted ball is hit and bounces or rolls into the stands or dirt beyond the stands. A home run shall be awarded to the batter if the ball is hit over the fence or hits the stands (or dirt beyond the grass) on "the fly". When a ball is in play in the Outfield and then returned to the infield and controlled by an infielder, runner shall not advance to another base unless they have already passed halfway to that base at the time the ball is controlled by the infielder.

Outfielders cannot stop play by running the ball into the infield. In cases where an infield play is made, once an infielder either receives the ball from another infielder or makes a play on a runner, then the runner still may not advance to the next base unless it is a force play at the next base or they have already passed halfway to the next base or the infielders attempt to make another play. In these cases the umpire and managers are expected to send the runners back to the base already achieved. The idea is not to encourage wild throwing of the ball around the infield or unnecessary overthrows.

* when a defensive play is made at 1st base with an overthrown ball, the runner must stay at first.

* defensive plays at second and third base with an overthrown ball, Runners are entitled to a one base advancement, all is considered alive and play can be made on the advancing runners.

Batting: A continuous batting order was adopted for this level of play, per little League rule 4.04. The batting order will be the entire roster, or three outs, whichever comes first. If a player arrives after the first pitches thrown, the coach of that team shall call timeout and notify the opposing coach that the

player has arrived late and will place this player in the last batting position on the roster.

- * Two offensive approved coaches are permitted, respective coach's box.
- * The ball must travel Beyond 10 feet in front of home plate for it to be a fair ball. Marked with a half moon with paint or chalk.
- * no bunting is allowed in this division.
- * no strike will be called for non swing.
- * foul balls are counted as a strike, except on the third strike.
- * a pitch that fails to reach the plate and is swung on will not be considered a strike.
- * there will be no walks unless a batter is awarded first base due to being hit by a player pitched ball or due to any other award type of rule (interference, etc.).
- * batters hit by coach pitched ball will not be awarded first base. The pitch will be considered as a "no pitch" and not be counted, if the batter is injured by this pitch, he may sit for that inning and play will continue with the next batter. This will not be considered an out.
- * if the catcher catches a foul tip strike three, the batter is out.

First half of season: The first half of the Season Shall be "coach" pitch (pitches should be thrown from a reasonable distance from the batter). each batter shall stay at bat until:

- * a. a pitched ball is batted fair.
- * b. the batter strikes out. The pitching coach is encourage to fairly call whether a pitch was a strike in the event that the batter continuously makes no attempt to swing.
- * c. all coaches must pitch overhand. A maximum of eight pitches total may be made to each batter. The 8th pitch is fouled off, the batter may continue their at bat until the ball is batted fairly or a strike is called. No hit is made, that batter shall be out.

Second half of the Season:

- *a. Each batter gets up to 6 (six) pitches or three swings to hit a fair ball off a player pitcher. If the last pitch is fouled off, batter will get another pitch. If the catcher catches a foul tip on strike three, 5th or subsequent pitch, the batter is out.
- *b. If the player pitcher throws 6 (six) pitches, or 4 (four) total balls, the offensive coach may enter the game to pitch. The batter shall carry the same strike count from the player pitch. The coach is allowed 4 (four) pitches to the batter. If the batter fouls off the fourth coach pitch the player is allowed to remain at bat until a player hits a fair ball or is out/strikes out. If no hit is made, that batter shall be out.
- *c. When an umpire is unavailable, a designated coach is to be the official umpire and remain on the mound behind the pitcher. A coach can be chosen from a background cleared, or manager from any team.
- *d. batters shall be encouraged to swing at pitches that are hittable (close to strike zone), and Strikes should be called by the offensive coach on the mound, if the batter fails to swing at a hittable pitch.
- *e. If a batted ball hits defensive coach on the field, the ball is considered a "dead-ball" and first base shall be awarded to the runner. If the offensive coach makes no attempt to get out of the way of a batted ball, which results in interference of the play, that batter will be called out.
- *f. Farm division will adopt the Minor League rule of: Five runs maximum per half inning. Upon Declaration of the final inning made by the umpire/managers at the top of such inning, run rule is no longer in effect.
- *g. Pitch count rules are in effect for players. No players under league age 7 are allowed to pitch.

League age 7 - 8 - 50 pitches/day max. League age 9 – 75 pitches/day max.

- * if a player pitches 21 - 35 pitches in a day, one calendar day of rest must be observed.

- * if a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a day, two calendar days of rest must be observed.
- * if a player pitches 51 - 65 pitches in a day three calendar days of rest must be observed.
- * if a player pitches 66 or more in a day, four calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a pitcher reaches his / her maximum number of pitches per day, they are allowed to finish their allotted five pitches to that batter, even though it exceeds the maximum. A new pitcher is allowed a warm-up of up to 5 pitches to the catcher no other warm-up will be allowed on the field. Then the current batter will step back at the same strike count prior to the pitcher change.

Tee-ball division.

1. There will be no new inning started after 75 minutes (one hour and 15 minutes) the home team manager will be responsible for keeping game start time.
2. The batting order will consist of all players present for the game. A half inning shall be complete after the last batter has hit.
3. All players may play on the field. No more than 6 (six) infielders are permitted, including the catcher and pitcher. All players must play in proper fielding positions.
4. An adult dugout assistant will be allowed for player control and supervision
5. A hit not traveling beyond the 10 foot hitting arc home plate is a foul ball.
6. Play will end when the ball is in control of the pitcher that is within the pitching area. Runners not clearly over half the distance to the next base will be returned.
7. Preseason practice shall be limited to a maximum of 6 (six) hours per week. Practice sessions shall be no more than three meetings per week and shall not exceed 2 (two) hours in duration. In season practice shall be limited to a maximum of 4 (four) hours per week. Practice sessions shall be no more than two meetings per week, and shall not exceed 2 (two) hours in duration.
8. Two** offensive coaches are permitted, each in their respective coach's box.
9. One** defensive coaches are permitted in the Outfield.
10. No protest allowed.

** means they must submit a volunteer / coaches application, cleared in a Live Scan check and receive board of directors approval.