

MAUMEE LITTLE LEAGUE GROUND RULES

- 1) If a batted fair ball becomes lodged in or under the outfield fence, it shall be ruled two (2) bases, provided the outfielder calls the umpire's attention to the fact that the ball is lodged and unplayable.
- 2) If a pitcher hits three (3) batters with a pitched ball in one (1) inning or four (4) batters in one game, he/she shall be removed from the pitching position (not the game) for that game only.
- 3) Every player on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time. Little League Regulation IV – The Players (i).

This rule is enforced for all games including those shortened by rain or the time limit. (If a game ends with a team having fewer times at bat than it has players present there is no violation.) A player that was unable to complete the minimum playing requirements must start the next game and play what he/she missed. This player must also fulfill the requirement for this game. Violation of this rule can result in the suspension of the manager according to Little League Regulation IV – The Players (i). Protest of a violation of this rule must be filed with the Board of Directors by a parent or a manager within one (1) week after the violation occurs.

- 4) For the first half of the scheduled season, the first game will start at 5:45 PM and no inning will start after 7:15 PM, even if started late due to rain delay. The second game shall start 15 minutes after the conclusion of the first game but NOT before 7:45 PM unless agreed to by both managers and no inning will start after 9:30 PM.

For the second half of the scheduled season, the first game will start at 6:00 PM and no inning will start after 7:45 PM, even if started late due to rain delay. The second game will start 15 minutes after the conclusion of the first game but NOT before 8:00 PM unless agreed to by both managers and no inning will start after 10:00 PM.

- 5) Any player who throws his/her helmet or bat in anger or frustration shall be removed from the game without warning.
- 6) Only one (1) team at a time will be allowed on the playing field to warm up before the game. Warming up before the second game should take place beyond the outfield fence. The visiting team for the second game should take the field for infield warm ups immediately after the teams for the first game have cleared the playing field and dugouts. Infield warm ups should be limited to five (5) minutes for each team for the second game.
- 7) Time Schedule
Early Game:
5:25 PM visitor infield warm up
5:35 PM home team infield warm up
5:45 PM pledge, meeting, play ball
Late Game:
5 minutes visitor infield warm up
5 minutes home team infield warm up
5 minutes pledge, meeting, play ball
- 8) Before the game begins, the managers must inform the Chief Umpire as to which adult in the dugout is the scorekeeper, if there are more than two (2) adults in the dugout. The scorekeeper cannot make any appeals, or make any comments on any decisions by an umpire or to an umpire. Such an infraction could lead to the removal of the scorekeeper from the dugout.
- 9) The manager or coach occupying the coach's box on the field cannot make any appeal or make any comment on any decision by the umpire or to an umpire. The job of the coach is to coach the runners and encourage the batter.
- 10) It is the manager's responsibility on appealing an umpire's decision to convince the umpire that his/her decision is in conflict with the playing rules. It is not the umpire's responsibility to prove that his/her decision is correct.
- 11) If both games are rained out, every effort will be made to play them on the first open rain date in the order of the original schedule.
- 12) In the event of rain, all four (4) managers who are scheduled to play that night must be at the ballpark at 5:00 PM to prepare the field for the starting of the game at the scheduled time. If the field cannot be readied with only a 15-minute delay, and both managers agree that the conditions are not suitable for play, then the game will be rescheduled. This is also true for the second game.

The second game may be played, even with the rescheduling of the first game, if the field conditions can be made adequate and safe for play. Both managers must agree on this.

- 13) Managers requesting a time out may leave the dugout and go as far as the dugout gate to get the umpire's attention.
- 14) The manager shall be responsible for keeping the fence gates next to their dugout closed.
- 15) No manager, coach, or scorekeeper may leave the dugout to smoke outside the playing field. No manager, coach, or scorekeeper can coach or assist his/her team either orally or with hand signals while off the field of play. A manager may have as many coaches as he/she wishes, but during any scheduled or championship game these extra coaches are considered spectators and cannot do any coaching of their team either orally or with hand signals.
- 16) Games that have been rained out or are in need of rescheduling shall be played on the next open date. Saturday games will start at 10:00 AM and must be played at two (2) hour intervals.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1) The total number of times that a team can be assembled for practices and/or regular scheduled games shall be a MAXIMUM of four (4) per week from the start of spring training to the end of the playing season. Violation of this rule shall result in the release of the manager.
- 2) A warm up period may be held one (1) hour to a maximum of one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes prior to game time on the day of any scheduled game at the game field only. This warm up does not constitute a practice time.
- 3) If a tie should occur between two or more teams, for division champion decisions, in either of the scheduled parts of the season, the next regular available date, Monday through Friday, shall be used to break the tie. All pitching rules shall apply to all games.
- 4) Tie games during the regular season shall be counted as a ½ win and a ½ loss on the won/loss record of the teams involved.
- 5) Each team must be represented by its manager, coaches, and parent(s) at the ballpark on work days. Each team should have a minimum of two (2) representatives.
- 6) The release of a player may be accomplished only by a letter from the parent(s) to the Local League President. Players cannot write their own letters of release. The release has to be approved by the Board of Director. If any manager is guilty of having a player's parents release their son/daughter from another team so that the manager can obtain that player, that manager shall be released. The Board of Directors will notify the manager.
- 7) Each manager shall have a meeting with his/her team and their parent(s)/guardian(s) before the start of the season. This meeting should be used to explain the rules of the Local League and inform them of such activities as work day at the ballpark, opening day, concession stand duties, as well as expectations of the players themselves.
- 8) Managers should emphasize to the parent(s)/guardian(s) the importance of sensible behavior at the ballpark during games. If the fans become unruly the manager should make an effort to control them. If certain groups cannot be controlled, the Board of Directors will take some action.