



## **2024 Local Rules**

### **AA (9 Year Old) Baseball**

#### **1. Minimum Play Time**

- a. No player will sit out consecutive innings.
- b. No player will sit a second inning, until all players have sat one inning. Exception is the starting pitcher. Once removed from pitching position, he must sit the next complete inning, if all players have sat one inning. If pitcher (who has not sat an inning) is removed during the last inning, must sit remainder of the inning.
- c. Player MUST start the next game after sitting the start of the previous game.

#### **2. Pitching**

- a. No more than 50 pitches per day for a 9 year old prior to April 13th. On April 13th follow Little League Pitch Count Rules.
- b. If a player pitches 36 or more pitches in a game, pitcher is then ineligible to pitch in next game. \*\*\* Exception to this is when the pitcher reaches the 35th pitch and is in the middle of a batter. The pitcher will be allowed to finish pitching to the batter and will still be eligible to pitch in the next game as long as they do not throw a pitch to the next batter.
- c. Pitch count will be administered by visiting team's scorekeeper.

#### **3. When your team is on offense**

- a. Continuous batting order is used and set at the beginning of the year. Batting order can be reset one time on April 13th (or first game after April 13th) and at the start of playoffs.
- b. Inning ends with 5 runs being scored or 3 defensive outs or all players on roster have batted, whichever comes first.
- c. Base stealing is allowed only if passed ball (catcher drops the ball), but no stealing of home.
- d. Runners may advance one base on an overthrow during a steal attempt, but not to home.
- e. Every batter and base runner must wear a helmet with face mask or JAW Guard

- f. Failure to follow minimum play and pitching rules:
  - i. First Offense: Verbal warning and appear before executive board
  - ii. Second Offense: Suspension for next played
  - iii. Third Offense: Expulsion from the league

**4. Game Time**

- a. No new inning starts after 1 hour and 45 minutes.
- b. Complete the inning if started prior to 1 hour and 45 minutes.
- c. Time limits may only be applied after the game is official (3 ½ innings if home team is leading).
- d. All League Championship and World Series games have No Time Limit
- e. Continue playing games until the time limit in situations where the outcome is already decided – ex: Visiting team is up by 10 runs after 4 ½ innings and game time is 1:42 – allow the Home team to hit to finish the inning.
- f. In the above scenario, if the Home team is winning and the game time reaches 1:45, the game is considered complete and play should stop
- g. A game may start and be played with 8 players. If the 9th player does not arrive, the team will be charged an out for the 9th position in the lineup.

**5. Umpiring**

- a. Responsible for umpiring the next game following yours
- b. Only managers and coaches may umpire
- c. If home plate umpire is late, one of the base umpires will call balls and strikes from behind the pitcher. Do not delay the start of the game.

**6. Substitute Manager/Roster Coaches**

- a. Only the manager and two (2) roster coaches are allowed on the field or in the dugout during games. In the event a team is missing a manager or roster coach(es) for a game, another team volunteer (i.e. Scorekeeper, etc) who has undergone a criminal records background check or a manager or roster coach of another Tuckahoe team may be used as a substitute coach(es). Members of the TLL board may also serve as substitute coaches. Coaches cannot be borrowed from the opposing team. Substitute coaches must be reported to the VP of Baseball in advance of the game.

**7. Relaying of Signs Unsportsmanlike**

The stealing or relaying of signs to alert the batter of pitch selection and/or location is unsportsmanlike behavior. If, in the judgement of the umpire this behavior is occurring, the team manager and those responsible, including any player(s) or coach(es) shall be ejected from the game.