



## 2026 Local Rules

### Single A (8 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.
- c. Player MUST start the next game after sitting the start of the previous game.

#### 2. Pitching

The first two innings will be kid-pitch.

- a. Each pitcher may pitch in a maximum of 1 inning or 35 pitches, whichever comes first. (Note: The goal of this league is to develop pitchers, especially in the regular season)
- b. A player cannot pitch in back-to-back games.
- c. There are no base-on-balls. If a hitter is “walked” or hit by pitch while a kid is pitching, a coach then comes to pitch up to 3 balls. There will be a maximum of three swings when a coach is pitching. A foul on the third swing will result in one more swing. If a ball is not put in play during the coach pitch at-bat, the hitter is out.
- d. During coach-pitch:
  - i. A designated Roster Coach from the offense team is used for pitching
    - 1. All pitching is done from the mound, but no closer than the base of the mound.
  - ii. Three (3) pitches per batter- if the 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch is a foul ball, the at-bat may continue
  - iii. Balls and strikes are not called
  - iv. If ball is not put into play after 3 pitches, the batter is out

#### 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 30th (or first game after April 30th) and at the start of playoffs.
  - i. For Playoffs, the batting order must still stay the same throughout playoffs; however, each game the top of the lineup will start. (So, unlike the regular season, if the 6th batter makes the last out in Game 1, the first batter will bat first in Game 2).

- b. Inning ends with 5 runs being scored or 3 defensive outs or all players on roster have batted, whichever comes first.
- c. If batted ball hits the coach pitching, the ball is dead, the batter goes to first, and runners advance one base (assuming some effort is made by the coach to get out of the ball's path).
- d. Base stealing is not allowed
- e. Every batter and base runner must wear a helmet with face mask
- f. **PLAY IS DEAD RULE:** Once the ball is back to the infield, the play is dead. However, if an infielder makes a baseball play before the ump has ruled the play dead, the play continues. If runner(s) are 50% to the next base, then they advance to the base. Otherwise, they return to the previous base.

**4. Failure to follow minimum play and pitching rules:**

- a. First Offense: Verbal warning and appear before executive board
- b. Second Offense: Suspension for next played
- c. Third Offense: Expulsion from the league

**5. 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.

**6. 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.

**7. Substitute Manager/Roster Coaches**

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.