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MAJOR LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS  
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A. Player Conduct

1. Each player must be in complete uniform for games except for exhibition games.
2. Players must remain in the dugout during the game unless given permission to leave by the manger.
3. Players, Managers, Coaches and Parents are not permitted to harass the Opposing team. The umpire, after determining harassment of one team by the opposition, shall warn the offending Team Manager one (1) time only. Further harassment will result in forfeiting the game.
4. If a player comes late for a game (3 ½ innings being a legal game), it is up to manager whether that player will be permitted to play. Manager must notify opposing manager and scorekeeper.

B. Playing Rules

1. Official Little League Playing Rules will be used if not included in these rules.
2. Game times will start according to the published schedule. A 15-minute Grace period will be allowed.
3. Protective helmets must be worn while batting and running the bases.
4. Home team will occupy first base dugout.
5. The game may start with a team fielding only eight players. A forfeit will result if the team is only capable of fielding seven players. Teams fielding eight players will automatically receive an out for the ninth batting position in the batting order.
6. Home team is responsible for setting up score system for each game.
7. The Home team is responsible for lining the field and putting the bases on the field. The Home team is also responsible for preparing the field for play after inclement weather. Home team is responsible for lining the field and putting the bases on the field and responsible for preparing the field for play after inclement weather. **Also Dragging field after completion of game and cleaning of dugouts.**

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8. Game balls are to be supplied by the Home team.
9. Mercy Rule: If a team is ahead by 15 runs after 2 ½ innings, 12 runs after 3 ½ and 10 runs after 4 ½ the game is officially over. If the Home team is behind they will have the opportunity to bat in the bottom of an inning.
10. The umpire on the first offense will warn **each** batter that throws a bat. For the second offense and subsequent offenses during the same game, the batter will be called out.
11. A team has the option to use an Extra Hitter and bat 10 players but must finish the game with 10 players. The EH must be declared prior to game time. The EH is considered a position player.
12. Everyone must play two (2) consecutive innings in the field by the end of a regulation game in addition to a minimum of at least one plate appearance.
13. A game that is continued to the next playing time due to rain or darkness will follow the pitching rules for that week that the game is made up. The game will restart from the time that game was called by the head coaches and umpires. If players are not present from the original continuation game, adjustments can be made to game roster. Prior to game time, any modifications must be reviewed by both head coaches and umpires.
14. Headfirst slides are not permitted when advancing to the next base. A player that performs a headfirst slide when advancing to the next base will automatically called out with the play resulting in a dead ball situation. Headfirst slides are permitted when a player has overrun a base and is attempting to get back to the base. A leg first or headfirst slide into first base is prohibited resulting an out and a dead ball situation.
15. **Catcher speed up rule is in effect. The last out of the prior inning may replace the catcher on base with two outs.**

C. Pitching Rules

1. If three (3) batters are hit by the same pitcher in a single game, that pitcher must be replaced.

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2. Once a pitcher has been removed from the game, they cannot return to that position.
3. Pitchers must rest one (1) calendar day if three (3) innings or less are pitched and three (3) calendar days if four (4) or more innings are pitched. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. A pitcher may only pitch a maximum of six (6) innings per day and six (6) innings per week. A week runs from Sunday to Saturday.

**PLAYOFF PITCHING RULES**

**1. Pitchers must rest one (1) calendar day if three (3) innings or less are pitched and two (2) calendar days if four (4) or more innings are pitched. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. A pitcher may only pitch a maximum of six (6) innings per day and six (6) innings per week. A week runs from Sunday to Saturday.**

Rainout games

1. Managers will decide if the field is playable up to game time. If the managers cannot agree, the Head Umpire or League Official will decide.
2. The managers will coordinate with the Commissioner about times and Dates for rainout make-ups. The next available opening will be used.
3. The games will be called off at the field, players must show up, unless the Coaches agree in advance.
4. If a game is to start after 5:15 p.m. and one of the managers does not want to Play, that game will be rescheduled for the next rain date. If the game is played, it must be completed to 6 innings. If not, the game must resume at the point where it was stopped at the next rain date. If the game is started after 5:15p.m. Team cannot begin a new half inning after 6:50 p.m.

E. Darkness

1. In the event of darkness, the umpire will consult with the coaches. A determination will then be made if play is to continue. If a consensus cannot be reached, a league official will make the decision.

F. All stars

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1. League standings as of June 13, will determine All-Star Coaches. The coach in first place will have first selection of which age group they would like to coach. The second place coach would have the next choice, Etc. League standings as of June 13, will determine All-Star Coaches. The Manager in first place will have first selection of which age group they would like to coach. The second place Manager would have the next choice, Etc. Managers have the right to defer management responsibilities to assistant coaches after age group tournament selected.

Scores

Scores at the end of the game are to be reported to the Tribune Democrat (814-532-5080) by the winning manager. Phone number is posted in Concession stand. All teams will be called in under sponsor name.