



2009 Roxbury Little League 8U Tournament



Rules & Guidelines

Subject to District Approval

Team Rosters:

- Players must be Little League Age 8 or under to participate in this tournament
- Teams must carry a minimum of 12 players on roster, with no maximum limit (15 player maximum strongly recommended)

Game Play:

- Games will be 6-innings in duration. 3 innings make an official game. On weeknights, the top of an inning should not start after 8pm. (9pm for a 7:00pm start). If a game is called due to darkness or time with no winner, the game ends in a tie.
- Follow continuous batting order as described in Little League Baseball Rule 4.04 (bat the roster)
- Free substitution, except for pitcher. A pitcher cannot reenter to pitch after being taken out.
- Kids should play minimum of 3-innings in the field per game (need not be consecutive innings).
- 5-run max per inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first. Exception to 5-run rule:
In the 6th inning, the inning ends after 3 outs or until a team bats through the roster. The number of batters allowed is limited to the total number of players on the team with lesser players.
- In extra innings the 5-run rule applies.
- Mercy rule - 12 runs after 4 innings at the discretion of the losing team manager.
- Base coaches - 2 adults allowed
- No infield fly rule
- No bunting
- No on-deck batters permitted
- Adults are not permitted to warm-up pitchers at any time

Pitching/Fielding:

- Team must have 9 players (minimum) to start the game, 10 are allowed in the field (extra outfielder).
- The kids pitch always. No coach-pitch or tee.
- Standard 46-ft mound strongly suggested. Should both coaches agree to move in a little to help the pitcher, OK
- Follow LL rules for pitcher's rest & pitch count. "Regulation VI - Option 1" is to be followed at all times.

Note:

1. Confirm pitching eligibility before each game.
2. Each team maintains pitching eligibility form and game pitch count log.
3. After each half inning pitch count should be confirmed between teams. If there is a count discrepancy, home team count is final. Preferred option is for home team to supply official pitch counter for both teams.
4. No protesting violation of pitch count rule when pitcher exceeds maximum pitch count in game. Pitcher is removed and game continues; no voiding of any pitches, outs, runs, hits, walks, etc.
5. Violation of LL pitcher eligibility (i.e. days and games rest) rules could result in forfeit.



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Base Running:

- No leading, no stealing. Only run when ball is hit.
- No headfirst slides (runner is out), except if returning to base.
- One base on an overthrow that goes "out-of-play". Out-of-play discussed between coaches and umpires and agreed to before the game. If the ball is overthrown but remains "in-play" the runner can advance 1 base at own risk. Runner cannot advance again if the ball is over thrown a second time.
- Runners can no longer advance once the pitcher has the ball in the infield on the mound.
- Tag-ups on caught fly balls permitted at all bases.

Home Team Responsibilities:

- Home team will provide the playing field (exceptions can be made due to field availability if both managers agree). All games must be played on LL approved fields and have LL SAFETY Plan in effect.
- Minimum of 2 youth umpires or one adult umpire. (Youth umpire age guideline: minimum age 13).
- 2 new base balls
- Post-Game meals, such as hotdog, hamburger or pizza, chips and a beverage, for both teams.

Other Notes:

- The winning team must email game results to jpichat@optonline.net and jackiey@optonline.net. Game results and standings will be posted on the Roxbury Little League web site <http://eteamz.active.com/ROXBURYLL>.
- The Tournament championship and consolation games will be held in Roxbury. Roxbury will provide the umpires for those games and each team will supply 1 new baseball.
- Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

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