**Little League rules and regulations will govern all Challenger Division play, including the following local rules:**

1. There will be a designated home and away team for each game. Home team will occupy the 3rd base dugout.
2. We will keep score but both teams will be winners.
3. Players may choose whether to use the tee or to have the coach pitch to them.
4. Under no circumstance may a runner intentionally collide with a fielder. Coaches should teach their fielders not to occupy a base or stand in the base paths unless a throw is coming to that fielder.
5. Bunting is not allowed (unless an exception is made by the coaches).
6. Bat maximum of seven (7) kids per inning depending on the number of players on each team.
7. No player will strike out or walk.
8. Once an inning has ended, fielders should stay in the field until all runners have cleared the bases. This is a safety issue aimed at reducing the number of collisions.
9. Batting is round robin.
10. Free substitution of defensive players is allowed (modification to Rule 3.03).
11. All players may play in the field when on defense. A minimum of six (6) players are required to play a game. In any case where a team has less than six (6) players, the manager may select one (1) or more substitute players from any other teams to make a roster of six (6) or more players for that game.
12. Base stealing or advancing on a passed ball is not allowed.
13. Runners may advance one (1) extra base only, at their own risk, on an overthrow to the outfield or foul territory in the outfield. After the runner(s) has (have) advanced or been thrown out, the play is over. This rule is designed to prevent out of control plays and multiple overthrows.
14. Managers, coaches, and buddies are allowed anywhere on the infield. Buddies are encouraged to assist players during games and practices.
15. A team may use managers, coaches, parents, or buddies for both base coach positions.

**Safety:**

* Use helmets that fit.
* Buddies wear helmets when helping players bat and run bases.
* It is strongly suggested that ALL players wear a cup.
* Catchers stand off to the side. Catchers must always wear a cup and a mask with a throat guard and full catcher’s gear.
* Make sure kids use necessary equipment. Check to make sure equipment is operational and safe.
* No sliding head first.
* No on-deck batter is permitted. Players must remain in the dugouts at all times.
* Only the player batting can hold a bat. No players in dugouts can hold bats.
* Use soft tee balls only.
* No parents are allowed in the dugouts unless approved by the Manager/Coaches and have completed HALL Volunteer forms.

**General:**

* Learn baseball. Keep the game fun. Keep it organized. Good sportsmanship is important! Players respond better when the coach imposes control over the game’s process.
* Play according to the league and division rules. Don’t change things because you don’t agree with them.
* Rotate batting order every game so each player has the chance to bat first and there is a different lead off batter for each game.
* Rotate positions every inning. One inning in the infield, the next in the outfield.
* Composite bats, if used, must be Little League approved.
* An Illegal bat must be removed. Any bat that has been altered shall be removed from play.