

## Lake Park Little League 2012 Minors Rules

1. Players may attempt to take one base on each overthrow except if the overthrow happens while throwing the ball back to the pitcher. This rule does not stop a player from attempting a second base on a ball hit to the outfield. WE DO NOT WANT you just throwing it back to the pitcher so the runners can't advance. TEACH them the proper cut offs.
  2. When coaches are pitching, batters will be allowed 5 pitches or three **swinging** strikes for each at bat. A foul on the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch is an out. It doesn't matter how many called strikes.
  3. Each inning will consist of 3 outs or 4 runs scored which ever occurs first. In the 6<sup>th</sup> inning both teams may bat their entire order or until 3 outs are made. If one team has more players the team with fewer players may bat the same number of players as the other team. (Exception: during the playoffs the 6<sup>th</sup> inning will continue until there are 3 outs.)
  4. Players age **10 and 11 must** pitch from the rubber on the mound. Players younger may pitch from a temporary mound 4 feet in front of the rubber (landing area). **Chalk should be used** as the marker. **INSTRUCT the players NOT TO DIG or you can fix the mounds.**
  5. Coaches will pitch the first 4 innings and player will pitch the last two from the start of the season until June 5th. After June 5th, coaches will pitch 3 innings and players 3 until June 25th. After June 25th coaches will only pitch 2 innings and players 4 until the playoffs. **During the playoffs the players will pitch all innings.**
  6. Little League pitch count rules are in effect for all minor league games. Maximum pitches for a 7-8 year old is 50 per day, 9-10 year old is 75 per day, 11 year old is 85 per day. (more info in rule books to be distributed later)
  7. Teams will use 4 outfielders equally spaced. No short fielding, **must be at least 10 feet off infield.**
  8. Teams must field a catcher. One person can be behind the umpire to retrieve balls.
  9. Infield fly rule is not in effect.
  10. Umpires are instructed to call **strike zone of armpits to knees.**
  11. We will utilize a standard little league baseball for play.
  12. Home team will get 2 new balls from the concession stand prior to the game.
  13. Home team is the second team listed on the schedule.
  14. Home teams gets the field ready for play. DO NOT create a batters box, DO NOT use 4" foul lines. Visitors rake the field when the game is complete. Try to keep the sand off the grass, fill in spots around the plate, by the bases, and by the pitchers mound.
  15. Once the game begins coaches may not change their batting order. All players are allowed to bat in a continuous order. Players arriving late are place at the bottom of the order.
  16. All playoff games except for the championship are seeded. The higher seed is always the home team. The championship home team is decided by a coin toss.
- BE RESPECTFUL of the umpires, they are kids. This is not professional baseball. You are here to teach kids how to respect and play the game. Nothing is life or death!