

MAALL/Morris Plains AA Division Regular Season Rules:

General:

- Games are a maximum of six innings
- No new inning will begin after 90 minutes
- Coaches and Umpire will announce the final inning as time allows
- Games scores will not be kept on the scoreboard
- Maximum 3 active coaches during a game. (All coaches must have completed a background check and Volunteer Form)
- At least 7 players are required to start a game. If borrowing players from the opposing team is required, borrowed players should play right and/or left field.

Fielding:

- 10 players play in the field including 4 outfielders.
- All players must be aligned appropriately, i.e. no shifts, or bringing extra players to the infield or outfield.
- Outfielders must begin each pitch on the outfield grass. Outfielders cannot move onto the infield dirt until a ball is in play.
- No player may play more than 2 innings at any one position over the course of the game. Exceptions: 1st basemen are permitted to play up to 3 innings at 1st base. Pitchers are permitted to pitch up to 3 innings (see pitching rules below).
- All players must play at least 2 innings of infield.
- Pitcher and Catcher qualify as infield positions.
- Fielders are always encouraged to make the logical and appropriate play.

Batting:

- Maximum of 5 runs per inning for innings 1-5. The 6th inning has no run cap.
- There is **No On-Deck Circle!** No player may swing a bat in or around dugout.
- 5 run rule does not apply in the final inning (Play until 3 outs are recorded)
- There are no walks.
- Strikes are called when coaches pitch.
- All players present bat in order.

Base Running:

- Play ends when pitcher has possession and is on/near the mound
- Base runners may advance 1 base only on any overthrow
- Base runners must return to previous base if not more than half way to the next base when play ends. Determined by umpire.
- Players may advance on a passed ball to 3rd base only
- Players may steal 3rd base only
- When stealing, a base runner must wait for the ball to cross home plate before leaving 2nd base.
- Base runners cannot advance on an over throw to 3rd base when stealing, or a throw from the catcher back to the pitcher.

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Pitching:

- 4 innings kid pitch, 2 innings coach pitch
 - 1st inning Coach Pitch
 - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th inning Kid Pitch
 - 6th inning Coach Pitch
- Kid pitcher cannot pitch more than 50 pitches or 3 innings (abide by Little League rules for pitch counts)
- Pitcher must have 3 days rest before pitching in another game.
 - Example: Player pitches Monday, 3 days rest (Tue, Wed, Thu), he/she may pitch again on Friday
- Balls and strikes are called for kid pitch
- One pitch equals one inning
 - In the event a reliever comes in and throws one pitch which results in the 3rd out, that is considered one inning pitched
- Kids may pitch from standard rubber, or 5 feet in front of standard rubber, those are the only 2 options. It is recommended that coaches utilize a marker of some sort to determine the shorter rubber so all pitch from the same spot.
- There are no walks. If a Kid throws 4 balls to a batter, the Coach will come in and pitch to the batter. Batters will put the ball in play or strike out (called strikes or swinging).
- If Kid pitcher is replaced by Coach, the player will stand next to or behind the Coach pitching.
- Coaches pitch from the front rubber (i.e. 5 feet in front of standard rubber)
- Only strikes are called for coach pitch

Catching:

- Must have cup and throat guard
- Shin guards should be adjusted for each new catcher to ensure proper fit

Heart Guards/Cups:

- Cups are required to play catcher
- Cups and Heart Guards are not mandatory for non-catcher, but are **Strongly Encouraged**.

Addressing Umpires:

- AA Umpires are kids; we as coaches are teaching them along with our players
- Do not allow parents to shout at the umpires, coaches are responsible for the parents on their team, and should personally and immediately ask them to quiet down. One warning will be issued, then the fan is ejected.
- Do not argue with or undermine the umpire. There's a lesson for players in dealing with a bad call. It won't be the last they will have deal with.

*Playoffs should use the same primary rules. Things like game length and when to start a new inning should be agreed upon by all coaches before playoffs commence.