

# **ALL COACHES AND MANAGERS MUST READ THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK**

**WE WILL FOLLOW ALL LL RULES AND REGULATIONS  
UNLESS STATED ON THESE LOCAL BYLAWS:**

## **2017 AAA Division**

### **General Rules**

- 1. No new inning shall start after the one hour, forty five minute mark (1:45) has elapsed. Ties are allowed if the time limit has been reached. If the game is on a field without lights, then no new inning should be started after 7:45.**
- 2. Games will be played regardless whether there are umpires. Coaches and or parents could be used to umpire the game. No coach or volunteer will be allowed on the field at any time without having filled out a CORI form.**
- 3. Teams will be comprised of 8- and 9-year-old players. Teams will be selected by the League Commissioner with the assistance of the respective coaches. Every effort should be made to even out the ability in order to create equal teams.**
- 4. Sandwich Little League mandates that each player plays at least three innings (half the game) which is greater than the Little League Rule. All players should get the opportunity to play full games.**
- 5. Coaches must “clear the bench” each inning, meaning if a player is on the bench one inning, he must be in the field the next inning. At no time should a player sit on the bench for consecutive innings.**
- 6. Unlimited substitution shall be used to ensure optimum play time for all players.**
- 7. Playing positions should be rotated between the infield and outfield on an inning by inning basis. All players should get an opportunity to play all positions on the field.**
- 8. There will be scores kept in this division however there are no standings.**
- 9. The first weekend in June will be the Debettencourt Cup. This tournament will be played as a single elimination format by all the AAA teams. Seedings for this tournament will be drawn from a hat. Special rules will be used for this tournament.**
- 10. Field lights must be off no later than 9:45 PM.**
- 11. No more than (3) individuals shall be permitted on the team’s bench during games. Any combination of head coach, assistant coach, and or score keeper – a total of 3. These 3 people will be in addition to the regular players.**
- 12. No coach or volunteer will be allowed on the field at any time without having filled out a CORI form.**

## **Pitching**

1. There will be no pitch count in this league
2. Coaches will pitch the first inning of each game and each team should have their entire lineup bat in this inning.
3. Players will pitch all other innings.
4. An 8-year-old pitcher may pitch only 1 inning in any game. A 9-year-old pitcher may only pitch 2 innings in any game. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of four innings in seven days.
5. Any pitcher walking four or hitting two batters should be replaced by his/her respective coach who will complete the inning. A new pitcher will pitch the next inning.
6. All players should be given the opportunity to pitch at some time during the season.

## **Batting**

1. A continuous batting order shall be used for all players present at the game for the entire game.
2. After the first inning, there shall be only nine batters in any one inning.
3. If the fielding team secures three outs prior to the nine batter rule then the inning shall be over.
4. There is not bunting or half (check) swings.
5. When the ninth batter is up the team in the field should be notified by the umpire and play should take place as if there are two outs. Any out will complete the inning or the fielding team can throw home plate at which time the umpire shall declare the inning completed. If no outs are made then the last batter should continue to round the bases until he/she reaches home plate.

## **Stealing:**

1. Stealing of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bases are allowed.
2. A stealing line shall be drawn by the umpire, directly behind the catcher which will be used to determine when stealing can take place.
3. The stealing line shall be removed at the halfway point in the season. The league commissioner will notify coaches of the official date.
4. The base runner cannot leave his/her base until the catcher has either caught the ball or the ball has been blocked and has stayed in front of the stealing line.
5. Stealing of home may be allowed once per inning.
6. No stealing on catcher's over throw back to the pitcher.