



## Langley Baseball Association Majors A/B Division (10-12) Rules of Play

All games to follow directives included in Langley Baseball House Rules

### FIELD (MAJORS A & B)

- 1) Distance between bases is 60 ft.
- 2) The pitcher's rubber is 46 ft from the plate.
- 3) Home team takes the third base dugout. Visitors take the first base dugout.

### PRE-GAME (MAJORS A & B)

- 1) The home team is responsible for preparing the field before the game. Visitors are responsible for raking the field after the game.
- 2) A ten-minute warm-up period can be taken on the diamond. Home team warms up first at 25 min before game time and visitors start at 15 min before game time

### GAME DURATION (MAJORS A & B)

- 1) A game is 6 innings long
- 2) Little League pitch count rules and limits must be adhered to
- 3) Weekday games start at 5:30pm until May 1<sup>st</sup>; 6:00 pm after May 1<sup>st</sup>
- 4) No new innings after 1hr 45 minutes until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2hr 15 minutes after May 1<sup>st</sup>
- 5) 6th inning is open inning, unless time constraint, then umpire will decide and advise coaches

### PLAYERS (MAJORS A & B)

- 1) A team must have a minimum of 8 players to start a game.
- 2) All players must wear an athletic supporter and cup or Jill and supply personal helmet with chinstraps (unless it is a fitted helmet).
- 3) All players are to bat in rotation.
- 4) All players are on the field for at least 3 complete innings per game (game consists of 6 innings), if game is less than 6 innings all players should be on the field for at least 2 innings
- 5) No player may sit out more than one inning before all other players on the team have sat out one inning. No player should sit for 2 innings or more in a row
- 6) Each player plays a minimum of two innings per game in the infield
- 7) Players to remain in the dugout when their team is batting, only the batter is permitted outside the dugout. A coach to supervise & ensure that next batter is ready to go.
- 8) With the catcher on base and 2 out, put the last out in his place on the bases and get the catcher in the dugout to get his gear on.
- 9) Players are to be cautioned against throwing the bat. A bat thrown past the 10-foot arc or to the backstop will be considered thrown. During the first 2 weeks of the season, a thrown bat will be called a strike and the ball will be called dead, whether hit fair or foul. No runners may advance on the play. During the balance of the season, the ball will be called dead, no runners may advance, and the batter shall be called out.
- 10) Defensive players shall not block the base path. If a fielder, who does not have the ball or is not in the act of fielding the ball, collides with a runner, it shall be ruled to be obstruction. The runner will be awarded the base he was running to.

### OTHER RULES (MAJOR B ONLY)

- 1) Ball is dead from a hit once pitcher has possession
- 2) Only 1 base allowed on an overthrow

**RUN LIMITS (MAJORS A)**

- 1) 5 run limit with 6<sup>th</sup> inning (or last inning as determined by coach or umpires) being open - once through the batting order
- 2) 10 run mercy rule after 4.5 innings

**RUN LIMITS (MAJORS B)**

- 1) Innings #1 & 2: 3 run limit
- 2) Innings #3, 4 & 5: 5 run limit
- 3) Inning #6 (or last inning as determined by coach or umpires) is open inning – once through the batting order

**COACHES**

- 1) One coach is permitted at 1st base and one at 3rd base for the team at bat. These coaches are not permitted to physically assist the runners. Should this occur, interference shall be called and the runner will be out.
- 2) No coach is permitted in the batting area, unless time is called and the play is dead.

**UMPIRE**

The league supplies plate and base umpires for all games.

**RAINOUTS**

The league will cancel all games at City Park in the event of standing water and unsafe conditions. Head Coaches and Team Parents will be notified by 4:15pm if games are cancelled. If you don't hear from us by 4:15pm, games are a GO. In the event of a cancellation, you will need to email your team via TeamSnap messaging to advise them of the cancellation. The league will make arrangements for make-up games.