



Langley Baseball Association Minors Division (9 - 11) Rules of Play

All games to follow directives included in Langley Baseball House Rules

FIELD

- 1) Distance between bases is 60 ft.
- 2) The pitcher's rubber is 42 ft from the plate for 9 year olds and 46 ft from the plate for 10 & 11 year olds.
- 3) Home team takes the third base dugout. Visitors take the first base dugout.

PRE-GAME

- 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

- 1) A game is 6 innings long
- 2) Weekday games start at 5:30pm until May 1st; 6:00 pm after May 1st
- 3) No new innings after 1hr 45 minutes until May 1st, 2hr 15 minutes after May 1st
- 4) 6th inning is open inning, unless time constraint, then at the end of the 4th inning, the coaches & umpire will decide which inning shall be the last

RUN LIMITS

- 1) Innings #1, 2 & 3: 2 run limit and no stealing home
- 2) Innings #4 & 5: 4 run limit
- 3) Inning #6 (or last inning as determined by coach or umpires) is open inning – once through the batting order

PLAYERS

- 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.

PITCHING

- 1) 6 innings of pitching
- 2) Little League Pitch Count rules and limits must be adhered to
- 3) 9 year olds should pitch 2 innings per game minimum
- 4) If a pitcher reaches 4 balls to a batter, to eliminate walks, the ball is given to the coach to pitch and the pitcher stands beside the coach ready to field the ball. The count on the batter remains the same and the batter cannot walk. After the coach has pitched and the batter has either hit or is struck out, the pitcher comes back in to face the next batter. Base runners can steal home in the 4th, 5th & 6th inning when coach is pitching.

GAME

- 1) Only 1 base allowed on an overthrow
- 2) Ball is dead from a hit once pitcher has possession
- 3) Stealing of 3rd and home only allowed – no stealing of 2nd base
- 4) Bunting is permitted

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

City Park: 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.

Condor: The two coaches should touch base during the day if it has been raining. Ideally, one coach should check on the field conditions and determine if they are suitable for game play. This should be done in the early afternoon if possible (by 4pm). If not, and if it hasn't been raining that bad and is only lightly raining, meet up at the park and see what condition it is in. Games should not be cancelled unless there is pooling water or unsafe conditions. The Division Coordinator will make arrangements for make-up games. If the two coaches cancel a game please send an email informing the following people:

1. Teams (parents) via TeamSnap messaging
2. Division Coordinator