

Mesa American Little League Minors Baseball-Player Pitch Division Rules

The "Little League Baseball Official Rule Book" shall be used as the official rules and guidelines. The purpose of these Local League rules is to establish guidelines in addition to the Little League Official Rule Book.

Local guidelines

- I. Draft method for Mesa American Little League is Plan A Conventional Draft Plan.
- II. Each manager shall supply one game baseball supplied by the league to the umpire.
- III. Managers and coaches of both teams are responsible for field prep and cleanup.
- IV. The home team scorekeeper is the official scorekeeper and official pitch count recorder (OPCR). In absence of a home-team scorekeeper, the visiting team scorekeeper will be OPCR. If both teams do not have a scorekeeper, the home-team manager will be OPCR.
- V. The OPCR is responsible for providing pitch counts to either manager or umpire, however, it is the responsibility of each manager to know when his/her pitcher must be removed.
- VI. Managers must email game result and pitch counts to information@mesalittleleague.com within 24 hours of the conclusion of every game. Information will include final score, pitcher names, total pitches thrown prior to the last batter, and next date eligible to pitch. The pitch counts will be entered on the league website and available for all to review.
- VII. Game time officially starts at first pitch.
- VIII. New innings shall not start after one hour, 30 minutes. There is no drop-dead time. The new inning starts immediately upon completion of the last play of the previous inning.
- IX. Managers should ensure each player plays an infield position within the first three innings.
- X. Games are official and can begin, continue and end with a minimum of eight (8) players. If a team has less than eight players 10 minutes after scheduled game start, or begins with eight (8) or more and loses a player(s) to absence or injury, the game will not be played or continued.
- XI. No more than 10 defensive players can be on the field at the same time.
- XII. Batting order shall consist of all players present: continuous batting order (CBO).
 - a. Those arriving late are added to bottom of the order without penalty.
 - b. Players who are present but unable to bat due to injury or temporary absence from playing field will be skipped in the order without penalty.
- XIII. Each half inning ends after three outs are recorded, 5 runs are scored or all players bat once, including in the last inning.
- XIV. If after three- and one-half innings the home team, or after four innings the visiting team, has a lead of 10 runs or more, the trailing team will concede victory. (no 15-run rule)
- XV. End of Regular Season Tournament rules will be enacted separately.