

Mesa American Little League Majors Division League 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 and in no way is intended to lessen or supersede those rules.

Local guidelines

- I. 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.
- II. 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.
- III. 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.
- IV. Home Team Managers must upload the following information onto the Mesa American Little League website 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.
- V. Game time officially starts at first pitch.
- VI. New innings shall not start after one hour, 45 minutes. There is no drop-dead time. The new inning starts immediately upon the last out of the previous inning.
- VII. Managers should ensure each player plays an infield position during the season.
- VIII. Games must begin, continue and end with a minimum of nine (9) players. If a team has less than nine players 10 minutes after scheduled game start, or begins with nine (9) or more and loses a player(s) to absence or injury, the game will not be played or continued.
- IX. Dropped third-strike rule IS in effect
- X. 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.
- XI. 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)
- XII. End of Regular Season Tournament rules will be what is listed above plus if after six innings or after one hour, 45 minutes no new inning can begin, if the game is still a tied score the game will be over and the winning team will be the team with the most regular season wins. If there is the same regular season record then it will go to runs scored over the regular season. If the runs scored for the regular season is the same the win will go to the team that allowed the least amount of runs scored against them.