

WOODLAND LITTLE LEAGUE
SINGLE A
CITY TOURNAMENT - RULE CHANGES/REMINDERS

The rules for the Single A baseball league will follow the Little League Green Book except as modified below (Managers and Coaches are expected to know the Little League Green Book book):

A. Single A

1. Pitching, Batting, Run Rules

a. Batting will follow the second half rules with a few exceptions:

- i. The batter will receive **7 pitches** from a coach in which to hit a ball into fair territory.
- ii. If a batter should foul off the 7th pitch, they may continue provided they make contact.
- iii. Should a batter fail to hit a ball into fair territory within their allotted number of pitches, the batter is out.
- iv. 3 outs or 5 runs will complete the inning. Batting will resume in lineup where the last inning ended.
- v. Any authorized adult may pitch. The adult pitcher must only pitch from the front rubber from a standing or kneeling position (kneeling w/ foot touching rubber).
- vi. There are no on deck batters. The only player with a bat in their hand will be the batter at the plate.
- vii. A batted ball must reach the outfield grass in the air to advance more than 1 base and only 1 additional base. The batter or runner advancing more than one base is in jeopardy of being put out until the play is dead.
- viii. Two defensive coaches are permitted.
- ix. 5 runs Max per inning except for the 6th inning. 6th inning allows a maximum of 10 runs to be scored.
- x. CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ONLY WILL PLAY A FULL 6 INNINGS (Mercy rules still apply).
- xi. Mercy Rules apply:
 1. 15 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings.

2. Duration of Game

- a. No new inning may start after 1 hour 15 minutes unless the game is tied. **Must have a winner..**
- b. No game will last more than 1 hour and 30 minutes. Any game reaching this allotted time shall be terminated at once. If a tie game is being played off, the inning may continue past the 1 hour 30-minute mark until a winner is decided.
- c. If at any time lighting for a game becomes too dim to safely continue a game, the game shall be called. Safety is your main concern.
- d. If a game is called due to darkness, the Player Agent will arrange for a time where the game can be picked up where it left off to decide a winner.

3. Base running

- a. There will be no stealing allowed.
- b. Play stops once the ball goes into the pitcher player or pitcher coach area.
- c. You may not advance on an overthrow.
- d. Players are allowed to slide into any base or home plate permitting it is not headfirst. You may dive head-first **BACK** to a base from which you came.
- e. The defensive player tagging the orange bag at first base is not an out. The orange base is for the batter that is running to first. The offensive player shall only touch the orange bag.
- f. Two base coaches are allowed. They must be in the coach's box.

4. Players and Player Requirements

- a. Each player attending any game shall play every inning and maintain their position in the batting order.
- b. One player will be placed in each of the infield positions including the pitcher and catcher positions, with the remaining players taking up positions in the outfield.
 - i. Players shall remain in the position they start an inning for the entirety of the inning. An exception can be made if a player is injured during an inning.
 - ii. The player playing the pitching position shall stand behind the pitching coach and within 6 feet of the coach.
 - iii. Infielders shall be on the dirt area in the infield and not in the base line or on the grass.

- iv. Charging from the outfield positions is not allowed. The players positioned in the outfield must wait until the ball is hit to move inward toward the batter. Outfielders must start behind the white chalked line, or if no white line is in place, may not be any closer than 10 feet of the infield dirt until the ball is hit.

5. League Rules

- a. Home Team is decided by a coin flip with managers prior to the game.
- b. You must have a minimum of 6 players to start a game. Fill-in players may be added up to 10 players, or to fill the lineup up to the number of kids on the team's roster, whichever is less.
- c. Replacement Players:
 - i. Before the tournament begins, each manager will submit to the Player Agent of his division a 1-12 ranking of his players based on his/her personal manager opinion of that player's ability. When a team needs a substitution, they will notify the Player Agent of the player who is absent and their corresponding ranking. The Player Agent will then recruit a player with a similar ranking from another team to fill in. That substitute will bat last and must meet minimum play requirements like everyone else.
- d. If anyone is ejected from a game (player, coach, or parent), it is a minimum one (1) game suspension (Extra game)
- e. Any request for disciplinary action against a player must be in writing via the online complaint form.
- f. The Home Team is responsible for unlocking/locking the gate on their side, putting the bases out and Tee before the game and picking up the game balls before the game.
- g. The Visiting Team is responsible for unlocking/locking the gate on their side and returning the bases to the knock box after the game.
- h. A coach from the defensive team may line up behind the catcher to return all past balls to the coach who is pitching to their team.
- i. Home team will be required to keep an official score book. It is recommended that the visiting team also keep a scorebook, but the home team is official. It is good practice to confirm score with the book and umpires after each half inning.

6. Safety Rules

- a. All players must wear a helmet whenever they have a bat in their hands.
- b. No warming up with bats or baseballs outside the fence.
- c. No more than **4 adults** in the dugout.
- d. All Catchers must wear a catcher's helmet with throat guard and male catchers must use a cup during catching duties.

Managers are responsible for the conduct of their team's parents. Please explain or share the rules with them so they are aware. If a parent's behavior cannot be controlled, the team manager may be ejected.

PLEASE CONDUCT YOURSELVES IN A MANNER THAT WILL REFLECT GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP