**WOODLAND LITTLE LEAGUE**

**SINGLE A DIVISION**

**LOCAL RULES FOR FALL BALL**

**OBJECTIVE OF LEAGUE:**

The objective of the Single A league is to provide a competitive atmosphere without keeping score. The managers and coaches are expected to teach **the fundamentals** of baseball to their players without the pressure of winning and losing. Success in this league is measured by how well each and **EVERY** player progresses throughout the season and how each coach embraces the objective of the Single A division. The most important aspect of your season will be to get your players ready for the next level of play for the following season.

Coaches are required to **move players to all positions and teach the fundamentals of each area.** Coaches should emphasis the importance of every position in baseball.

Also as important, is the matter of **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.** Players should be taught the meaning of goodsportsmanship. Set an example by the way you behave and conduct yourself on and off the field (Your players will react the same way they see you and your coaches react). In this league there is no reason for managers and coaches to argue amongst themselves. If a problem should arise, take it off to the side and discuss it like adults in a private manner. Sportsmanship does not just take place inside the foul lines; the behavior of your parents is a key ingredient on how your player will respond to you and your staff. By keeping everyone informed and up to speed with your style of coaching and your expectations for your players, your season should go smoothly.

The rules for the Single A baseball league shall follow the Little League Green book except as follows:

1. **Minor A**
	1. **Pitching and Batting**
		1. **Fall Ball season shall be a coach pitch, tee ball format.**
2. The batter will receive 5 pitches from a coach in which to hit a ball into fair territory.
3. If a batter should foul off the 5th pitch they may continue provided they make contact.
4. Should a batter fail to hit a ball into fair territory within their allotted number of pitches the player will hit from a tee until they place a ball into fair territory. (Balls hit from a tee must travel at least eight feet from home plate to be a fair ball.)
5. Bunting is not allowed.
6. Batters will bat top to bottom in the first inning, bottom to top in the second inning. Rotating back and forth for all innings played. Each inning you bat all players before switching. Do not switch after 3 outs. An out is removed from the base.
	* 1. Base coaches call foul balls, point fair on fair balls. Adult pitcher has safe or out calls.
		2. Any authorized adult may pitch. The adult pitcher must only pitch from the front rubber or 40 feet from a standing or kneeling position.
		3. There are no on deck batters. The only player with a bat in their hand will be the batter at the plate.
		4. A batted ball must reach the outfield grass in the air to advance more than 1 base.
		5. Two adult base coaches are permitted.
		6. Two defensive coaches are permitted with one on the field and one behind home plate.
	1. **Duration of Game**
		1. No new inning may start after 1 hour 15 minutes.
		2. No game will last more than 1 hour and 30 minutes. Any game reaching this allotted time shall be terminated at once.
		3. If at anytime lighting for a game becomes to dim to safely continue a game, the game shall be called. Safety is your main concern.
	2. **Base running**
		* + 1. There will be no stealing allowed.
				2. Play stops once the ball goes into the pitcher player or pitcher coach area.
				3. You may not advance on an overthrow.
				4. Players can slide into any base or home plate permitting it is not headfirst. You may dive headfirst **BACK** to a base from which you came.
				5. 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.
				6. The last batter is not allowed to run all the way around the basses after hitting.
	3. **Players and Player Requirements**
		1. Each player attending any game shall play every inning and maintain their position in the batting order.
		2. One player will be placed in each of the infield positions including the pitchers position, with the remaining players taking up positions in the outfield.

The player playing the pitching position shall stand 6 feet behind the coach pitcher with one foot on the pitching rubber.

Infielders shall be on the dirt area in the infield and not in the base line or on the grass.

Outfielders shall be spread out evenly in the outfield no closer than 10 feet from the grass that starts the outfield.

Charging from the outfield is not allowed. The players positioned in the outfield must wait until the ball is hit to move inward toward the batter. Outfielders should be no closer than 10 feed of the infield dirt.

**5. League Rules**

 **a**. You may play with less than 9 players without penalty, if a replacement

 player is not available. If a player arrives late, he/she should be placed at the bottom of the batting order and must play defense the next full inning.

 **b**. If anyone is ejected from a game it is a 1 game suspension, (Extra game)

 **c**. Any request for disciplinary action against a player must be in writing to the

President before it will be looked at by the Disciplinary Committee

 **d**. The base coaches will make the call on fair or foul balls. Only call out “FOUL BALL”, and just point to fair territory on fair balls. The coach that is pitching will make the safe or out calls on the bases.

1. The home team is responsible for unlocking/locking gate on their side, putting the bases out and tee before the game, picking up game balls before the game and providing the tee for the game.
2. The visiting team is responsible for unlocking/locking gate on their side and returning the bases to the knack box
3. Home team is in first base dugout.

**6. Safety Rules**

 **a**. Must wear helmet whenever a player has a bat.

 **b**. No warm up with bats or baseballs outside fence.

 **c.** No more than **5 adults** in the dugout.

 **d.** Catchers must wear helmet with throat protector and a cup during catching duties.