

**ATLEE LITTLE LEAGUE**  
**2016 Local Ground Rules**

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**Majors Division (Ages 11•12)**

10 year olds may play up

The Majors Division is considered an advanced division and while the intent is to play by Little League rules, there are exceptions to the rules that are being made below. These exceptions are being made to promote instruction, a safe playing environment, and a positive experience for all that are involved.

**General Policies**

1. Before the regular season begins, teams are limited to three practices (includes practice games) per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). Once the regular season begins, teams are limited to one practice per calendar week. Batting practice and warm up drills prior to games do not count as practices. Practices shall not exceed two hours.
2. No more than four practice games may be played between league teams before league play. No such practice games are allowed once league play has begun.
3. Players, managers, and coaches from each team will meet at home plate after each game to shake hands.
4. A player choosing to play up required to participate in tryouts. In addition, the player must be chosen within the first six rounds of the divisional draft to participate otherwise, they will be required to play in the appropriate age division. Also, players may only be drafted in upper divisions if authorized by the parent or guardian. Parents and/or guardians are to acknowledge that playing up may require a child to participate in games/practices scheduled for the later time slots.
5. In all divisions, players that are one (1) year above in league age may play down if approved by the Executive Committee, but will not be eligible for any post season play.

**Managers, Coaches, and Umpires**

1. Majors teams will have no more than two coaches and one manager in the dugout.
2. If an umpire has a problem with a manager, coach, player, parent, or spectator, he/she should notify the Atlee Little League President.
3. Managers shall notify the respective division director of any problems related to players, umpires and/or parents.

4. All managers shall maintain a pitcher's record to include the number of innings, age, and the number of pitches pitched for each game. These records must be available for review prior to each game to determine pitcher eligibility. At the conclusion of each game, each home team manager must document game score, pitch counts, and the names of up to three players from the opposing team that they felt played at an all star level. Visiting team manager must also document the names of up to three players from the opposing team.

### **Participation in School Programs**

1. It is Atlee Little League's policy and intention to support all middle and high school teams and programs. Utmost consideration is to be given to the student athlete's safety and his or her commitment to the school program. Therefore, the following guidelines are to be followed by the managers and coaches of Atlee Little League.
2. No Atlee Little League manager or coach will request, require, or cause a player to miss or to be late to a school program, function, game or practice.
3. No player who is a pitcher or catcher on a school team will be allowed to pitch or to play catcher for an Atlee Little League team unless the schools coach allows such.
4. No player will be allowed to participate in an Atlee Little League practice/game if he/she has a school ball game scheduled on the same day.
5. No player will be required to participate in an Atlee Little League practice before or after a school practice/game without the consent of the parent and/or guardian.

### **Local Ground Rules**

1. Except as noted herein, Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules will govern all play at Atlee Little League including Inter-league games.
2. No new inning will start after one hour and forty five minutes of total playing time or six innings whichever comes first. In addition, games shall end after two hours and fifteen minutes of total playing time if a later game is scheduled on the same field (including make-up games)
3. Teams shall divide available time before a scheduled game for infield practice, with the home team being first. If applicable, batting cage use for one hour before game time will be limited to thirty minutes for each team, with home team being first.
4. All players will be in the batting lineup and must play in the field at least every other inning.

5. In the event an umpire is not available, each team shall provide a coach or manager to call balls and strikes from behind the pitcher when that team is on the field. The coach or manager calling balls and strikes also calls plays at second base and home plate. The base coaches shall call plays at their respective base. The home team umpire will be considered the umpire-in-chief.

### **Protective Equipment**

1. Face shields will be optional for the Majors Division and above. Atlee Little League will not remove face shields from the helmets issued by the league. Team managers reserve the right and shall require a face shield to be worn by those players they deem to be at risk for their safety.
2. All male players must wear a protective cup.
3. A catcher's mask must be worn by any player warming up a pitcher in the bullpen area.

### **League Playoffs**

1. There is an end of the season playoff. Each team participating will be entered.
2. At the end of the regular season, each team will be seeded for the league playoffs. The team with the best overall win-loss record will be seeded first and so forth until all teams are seeded.
3. If there are teams tied at the end of the regular season, the tie will be broken by first reviewing their head to head record. In the event they are still tied, a coin flip will determine the higher seed.