

ATLEE LITTLE LEAGUE
2016 Local Ground Rules

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Minors 9-10 Baseball (Ages 9•10)

8 year olds may play up and 11 year olds may play down

The Minors Division is considered an instructional intermediate 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. Minor teams may have up to three 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. This documentation will be expected to be completed within 24 hours of game completion.

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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. All players must play at least one inning in the infield per game.
6. If the batter throws a bat, a warning will be given on the first offense with instruction on how to lay the bat down.
7. A half inning will be complete when the batting team has scored five runs or three outs are made, whichever occurs first. Any runs that score on the last play of an inning which exceed five for the inning will not count toward the game score. As allowed under the Little League Rule 4.10(e) Note (2), the 10-run slaughter rule will NOT be utilized.
8. 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. Players must wear batting helmets with face shields when batting, running the bases, or coaching 1st or 3rd base during regular season play. This includes batting practice in the batting cages.
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.