



## Minors (Upper) Player Pitch 2018 \*FINAL\*

Regular season play will be used for instructional and developmental purposes.

1. Regular Season (“RS”) and Regular Season and Tournament (“RS-T”) balls may be used. Each team will supply three new balls.
2. Each half inning will end once 5 runs have scored or 3 outs have been recorded, or the lineup bats once through the order whichever occurs first. The last inning is not limited by runs but is still limited by 3 outs or once through the lineup.
3. If after four (4) innings or three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.
4. Home team shall use the 1st base dugout and visiting team the 3rd base dugout.
5. Teams will bat continuous batting order. Latecomers must be added at the bottom of the order.
6. Free substitutions will be allowed but each player must play 6 defensive outs.
7. All players must be listed on the lineup card, even if they are absent. Players must be listed on the lineup card in this format: last name, first name or initial, and uniform number.
8. If a team cannot field nine players, a player(s) from the opposing team may play defensively for the opposing team but may only play in the outfield. The borrowed player must bat for their own team in the spot designated on the line-up card.
9. A player may not sit for two consecutive innings on the bench, nor sit for three innings on the bench until all players have sat one inning.
10. Pitching rest requirements will be based upon the 2018 Little League Rule Book. A *completed* pitching affidavit must be carried by each team to every game; it is the sole responsibility of the team manager to maintain the affidavit. The affidavit must be signed by the home scorekeeper after every game. If a *completed* pitching affidavit is not provided prior to the start of the game to the umpire in chief or home scorekeeper, the game will be suspended, and the manager will be subject to disciplinary action by the league or district. **Note:** Under no circumstances shall a pitcher pitch in three (3) consecutive days.
11. There are no protests.
12. There must be at least one approved coach in the dugout at all times.
13. Each player must wear a helmet when up to bat. Whenever the player is outside of the dugout, a helmet must be worn.
14. All players must wear a protective cup while catching.
15. No jewelry shall be worn with the exception of medical bracelets or necklaces and those must be taped to the body.
16. No food or gum is allowed in the dugouts.
17. Game shall not last longer than 2 Hours. If the game is tied, it ends in a tie. If the time limit is reached during an at-bat, the batter shall finish their at-bat
18. Borrowed Players— A team may borrow one or more players in order to field nine defensive players. The borrowed player must be from the same division and must play in the outfield. If the borrowed player comes from the opposing team, the borrowed player will sit in their own dugout when not on the field and will bat for their own team. The opposing manager may substitute the player borrowed player as long as the Minimum Play (Rule 7) is met.

19. Managers are responsible for maintaining written proof of adherence to mandatory play rules, and are required to submit proof if requested by the league player agent or president.
20. A parent code of conduct must be signed by each parent and carried with the player's medical release. The conduct of the team and the parents must be above reproach. Failure of a player, parent, or team to act according to the parent code of conduct or its intent will be cause for removal of the player, parent, coach or team from the remainder of the season.
21. Field prep and cleanup— *Both* teams are responsible for grooming and preparing the field for play, as well as grooming and cleanup after the game. Home team to lead in pre-game preparation and visitors to lead in post-game cleanup duties.
22. All managers must have in their possession an original, signed medical release for each player on the team roster. Umpires will be checking for medical releases.
23. The home team will provide both the plate and base umpires for the game. It is recommended that at least two umpires be assigned for each game. One qualified plate umpire must be assigned for each game; however, the team managers may umpire the game if an official umpire isn't present.
24. **Regulation XIV- Field Decorum:** The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, manager, coach, umpire or league representative who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct, at the game site or any other Little League activity, is subject to disciplinary action by the Local League Board of Directors and/or by the District.
  - a) Anyone who has disciplinary action pending will not be allowed to participate in any game until such disciplinary action is resolved.
  - b) Any player, manager or coach ejected from a game will be suspended for the next physically played game. The district may require further suspension to include any manager or coach who participates in another level/league
25. If an ejection takes place during an inter-league game, each of the League Presidents and the DA must be emailed the ejection report within 24 hours.

#### Concussion Protocol—

1. (a) California law requires that all coaches and administrators must complete an online concussion training *at least once* before supervising youth athletes; a certificate from a prior season is valid for this season. It takes only about 30 minutes to complete the training. Please save and carry the certificates for all of your coaches in your binder.

The online Concussion Protocol Training is at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/> .

2. (b) A concussion and head injury information sheet must be signed by both the athlete and a parent/guardian before the athlete initiates practice or competition. An existing form from this spring may be used if it's available. The signed sheet must be carried with the player's medical release and code of conduct form.