

## Summer Major League Rules

The rules for the summer major league will closely follow those of the spring major league, which adhere to official green book Little League rules and local rules. The local rules are posted on the web site under "Online Rules". To summarize some of the local rule highlights:

- Ten players defensively; four outfielders positioned 25 feet back from the middle of the baselines before each pitch.
- Continuous batting order (all players in attendance bat).
- Infield/outfield play requirements are a minimum of 2 innings in the infield and 1 inning in the outfield for each player.
- No player sits on the bench more than 1 inning defensively.
- Five run maximum per inning; unlimited runs in the final inning.
- A player may not pitch more than three consecutive innings in a game.
- A player who throws over 45 pitches Tuesday cannot pitch on Thursday.
- If a pitcher hits 3 batters in a game, he/she must be removed as pitcher.
- There must be at least one adult in the dugout at all times; if necessary players will coach bases and must wear helmets when doing so.
- The home team supplies the base umpire, if they cannot, the visiting team will.
- The infield fly rule is enforced.
- Full Little League stealing rules in effect.

Rules specific to the summer major league only are as follows:

- If a team has less than 9 players in attendance, they will borrow players from the opposing team to fill the defensive positions, up to a max of 2 borrowed players; if a team has less than 7 players they will borrow players from the opposing team for the entire game (offensively and defensively), and these borrowed players can change during the game. Under no circumstances should spectators (adult or child) be allowed to participate to fill a team.

The goal of this league is to minimize the adult involvement as much as possible. Let the kids take on many of the responsibilities. Certainly the adults can be involved in lineups and pitching/defensive rotations, and need to be involved in handling equipment and maintaining a safe environment. The adult coaches are there more for monitoring and safety. We are trying to use the "sandlot" format of play in this league.

While it is the goal of the summer leagues to provide more play and the opportunity to develop, we don't expect or require coaches to hold off-day practices. Families are very busy in the summer months, especially on weekends, and with the reduced emphasis on standings and competition we would prefer the kids enjoy coming to the park just to play a game of baseball.