

Southwest Forsyth Little League A Local Baseball Rules

These rules represent special circumstances for this division. If there is a rule not addressed here, please refer to the minor league rules section of the Little League Rule Book.

- Machine pitch only.
- If a hit ball comes in contact with the machine or machine operator, batter/runner and any additional runners advance one base.
- Maximum of six innings of three outs each. If a team bats around in an inning, that half of the inning is completed. Since no scores are kept each team may bat through their lineup once, even if each team has a different number of players.
- Must have 8 players to start a game and can continue with at least 7.
- Maximum of 11 players in the field (6 infield (1st, 2nd, 3rd, SS, Pitcher, Catcher)/5 outfield). All outfield players shall be positioned at least 15 feet beyond the outfield grass cut.
- Continuous batting order. (All players shall be listed in the batting order). The batting order will consist of all eligible players. Once established, the order cannot be changed except for injury or players arriving late or leaving early. Players arriving late shall be listed at the end of the batting order. If a child is injured, becomes ill or must leave the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over him/her when his/her time at bat comes up without penalty. If the injured, ill or absent player returns he/she is merely inserted into their original spot in the batting order and the game continues.
- On defense, no player may sit out for a second inning until all other players have sat out for at least one inning. If players will need to sit out 2 innings in a game then these innings may not be back to back, nor may any player sit out a second time until all players on the team's roster have sat out once. The players to sit out twice in a game are to be rotated among the entire team and not concentrate on any particular player(s).
- All players must play at least two innings in the infield. This must be accomplished during the first 4 innings of play. If game proceeds to fifth and sixth innings every attempt should be made for players to play 3 innings in the infield. Players arriving after the start of the game may have their defensive play reduced by the number of innings missed.
- Stealing is not allowed in the Single A division.
- Pitcher must play relatively close to pitching area (cannot be a fifth infielder lined up with SS, 3rd, etc.)
- Outfielders are not allowed to make an infield play (cannot run into the infield and tag out a runner). The outfielder must throw the ball to the appropriate infielder for an out to be recorded.
- Runners may not advance on overthrows to any base.
- Once the ball is in possession of an infielder in the infield, in fair territory, runners must return to prior base if not half way to the base. If the runner is halfway to the next base, the runner is free to continue but is at risk.
- Batters are allowed 5 pitches (hittable or otherwise). An at bat can not end with a foul ball.
- No bunting is allowed
- Infield fly rule is not in affect for this division.
- There are no on deck circles in this division.
- Game scores and team standings are not kept.
- 1 Manager and 2 official coaches are allowed on the field. 1 Parent is also allowed in the Dugout (Dugout Parent).
- Games will be self officiated – Managers/Coaches will umpire their own games or use parent volunteers.
- End of season tournament will be a non-competitive (no scores kept) game for each team. There is no championship for this division.