

2019 KWLL Local Ground Rules

ALL DIVISIONS

- 1) The entire roster is used to make the batting lineup. (everyone bats, round robin style).
- 2) Unlimited defensive substitution is to allow more playing time. (pitching rules must be followed).
- 3) Any player that is not in the starting lineup must start the following game. If a player is absent or arrives after the lineup has been determined this rule does not apply. During inter-league games at other league's parks, this rule does not apply.
- 4) No player will sit out more than 2 innings on defense in a game unless it is due to illness or they request to.
- 5) Any player arriving late to the game will be added to the end of the lineup and will be immediately eligible to play.
- 6) Players who are "borrowed" from another team in order to fill the minimum player requirement (9 players for Minors and up) must bat at the bottom of the lineup and play defense in the outfield, unless it is necessary to pick up more than the allotted outfield positions. In this case they may play the infield positions except pitcher or catcher. **No games will be forfeited because of a team not having enough players.**
- 7) All games will be played with a 1 hour 45 minute time limit. No new inning will be started after the 1 hour 45 minute time has lapsed. If the 1 hour 45 minute time limit has lapsed, and an inning is still in progress, that inning will be completed and the game will then end. All games will be considered complete once it has been played for 4 or more complete innings or 1 hour 45 minute time. The only exception to this rule would be weather or darkness. Teams are to get in as many innings in as possible in allotted times.
- 8) With the exception of Intermediate, Major Baseball and Senior Baseball, there is a 5 run maximum run rule per inning. Once 5 runs are scored no other runs will be recorded that inning and the batting team will then take the field. This rule will not apply to the final inning of the game. **The home team will always be given an opportunity to win the game in their half of the last inning.**
- 9) It is the home team's responsibility to mark the field before the game and rake the field after each game. Each team is responsible for cleaning out the dugouts after each game. **Require your players to help pick up their trash in the dugout and the area around the field,** so the fields will be clean and ready for the next games.
- 10) Managers not following these ground rules will receive a warning for the first offense and up to a game suspension for the second violation. A third violation of the ground rules may result in up to a one-year suspension. Each violation will be reviewed by the rules committee and the length of the suspension will be determined by the Board of Directors.

These local rules are only to ensure that every child receives fair playing time and to make the games more exciting and appealing for the players and everyone else involved.

ALL OTHER RULES WILL BE FOUND IN YOUR COPY OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE OFFICIAL REGULATIONS & PLAYING RULES HANDBOOK.

These local rules enhance any similar rule in the Little League Official Regulations & Playing Rules Handbook.