



**ADDENDUM 3- MINORS 8 DIVISION**

**Section 1.** Rules/Concepts Taught.

<b>Rules Taught</b>	<b>Concepts Taught</b>
Basic pitching rules	Hitting off kid pitch
Fly ball/baserunning rules (“freeze”/go back)	Base-Runing Basics
Force out vs tag outs	Catching Basics
Strikeouts	Fly ball basics
Introduction to Umpires	Groundball basics
Continuous batting order (“CBO”)	How to get hit by a pitch
5-run rule/2 hour time limit, no new inning after 1 hr. 50 minutes	Pitching basics and delivery
	Position names/location
	Throwing grip/mechanics

**Section 2.** DIVISION RULES. Minors 8 Division (formerly known as AA) rules; these rules are in addition to all official Little League rules found in the Little League rule book. Minors 8 is a kid pitch division.

**Section 3.** PARENTS. All parents must complete a medical release form before the player is allowed on the field to play or practice. Medical release forms must be kept with the Manager/Coach at all games and practices.

(a) Only players, team parent, and the three coaches are allowed in the dugouts during the game.

(b) Parents are not allowed to coach players or to try to influence the umpires during games in any way. This is the responsibility of the Managers to enforce. Parents may be ejected from the park for rule violations by the umpire, official game coordinator or any present board member.

(i) If the parent refuses to leave the park, the umpire may call the game and the offending team will forfeit the game. The recorded score will be 1-0. If a parent is ejected from a game, that parent may not be present for the next game played by the team.

**Section 4.** MANAGER / COACH.

(a) Medical release forms must be kept with the Manager at all games and practices.

(b) Managers/coaches and players are to remain in the dugout while their team is playing defense.



(c) One official coach shall be in the dugout with the players.

(i) If an official coach is absent, a parent who has completed the volunteer form may stand in as coach to be in the dugout during the game.

(d) Coach or manager are allowed to coach first and third base in the proper coaches' box while their team is at bat.

(e) Once the two-hour time clock has been started:

(i) Managers and coaches are not allowed to enter the field of play except to briefly confer with the pitcher, catcher, and defensive player(s) while on the mound.

(ii) Limits apply on pitcher conferences; upon the third visit in one inning or four (4) total for the game for that same pitcher, he must be removed.

(iii) Managers or coaches may not enter the field of play to move or position players or provide additional coaching tips in between innings.

(f) The manager is responsible to set up equal rotations throughout the season.

**Section 5. GAME PREP.**

(a) The Home team provides two (2) new game balls at the beginning of each game.

(b) The Home team occupies the third base dugout.

(c) The Home team is responsible for prepping the field for play.

**Section 6. PRE-GAME WARM UPS.**

(a) The traditional pre-game warm-up on the playing field is allowed provided the game starts on time.

(b) The Home team shall warm-up for no more than 15 minutes followed by the Visiting team.

(c) Warm-ups shall be completed no later than 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time when the managers of both teams will meet with the umpire(s) at home plate.

(d) The pre-game meeting with the umpire(s) shall take place at home plate without players on the field.



(e) Managers shall bring a properly filled out batting lineup card to the meeting. Be prepared to exchange the card and to identify any players who are ineligible to pitch in the game.

**Section 7. GAME TIME/INNINGS/WARM UPS.**

(a) Game will be six (6) innings or two (2) hour time limit, whichever comes first

(i) No new inning can start after 1 hour 50 minutes

(ii) In a tie game situation, games may continue after the 6th inning if time allows.

(iii) As a point of clarification, a new inning is determined immediately after the umpire's call of the 3rd out of preceding inning.

(b) Five (5) runs per inning max; this includes the last inning

(i) The last inning run rule is waived during the playoffs, there is no run limit.

(ii) No "mercy" rule is in effect.

(c) If your catcher is not ready to go have an extra player ready for warm-up. This requires a cup and catcher's mask.

(d) The time limit between innings is one (1) minute or five warm-up pitches, whichever comes first.

(i) Even if the pitcher is new, the five-pitch warm-up rule is still in effect.

(ii) Only in the event of an injury is the pitcher entitled to use more warm-ups.

**Section 8. FIELDING A TEAM/RESCHEDULING/RAINOUTS.**

(a) Eight players must be present at the printed game time; if eight players are available the game shall be played.

(i) If the 9th player shows up, he will be added to the last spot of the lineup



(b) If you start with nine, you may continue play with eight by simply skipping over the missing player without penalty when his/her turn comes up to bat.

(c) In the event a manager will not have eight players for a game they are to notify the Vice President of Operations and President.

(i) Manager should include the following information in notification:

(ii) Count, name and reason each player is missing

(iii) Vice President and President will review and approve or deny the request

(iv) There are no automatic forfeits due to not having enough players at game time.

(d) Games should only be rescheduled for weather and will be done by the scheduler

(i) All rainouts shall be rescheduled by the scheduler and teams notified within 48 hours

(ii) Scheduler will review and schedule as fairly as possible

(iii) There will be no going back and forth between managers to check availability.

(iv) Rescheduling of games will most often result in three games in one week.

(v) At times this may mean that a team will play back-to-back games.

(e) A missing manager or coach is not a valid reason to reschedule a game.

(i) Manager or coach must assign person(s) to perform duties in their absence.

(ii) The assigned person must have completed a league background check

### **Section 9.** MINIMUM PLAY.

(a) Each player must play two (2) of the first four (4) innings on the infield.



(b) The manager shall ensure a minimum of one (1) infield inning per player, unless special circumstances exist that would put a player at significant risk of injury by playing in the infield.

(i) In these rare circumstances, the manager shall inform the Player Agent, Vice President of Operations and President.

(ii) Player would be evaluated, board will either approve or deny request for waiving the infield minimum play rule.

(c) In the event that a team is carrying 13 or more players, each player must play two of the first five (5) innings on the infield.

#### **Section 10. EQUIPMENT.**

(a) All bats are to remain outside the dugout and only the designated batter may have a bat in hand.

(b) Players must wear athletic supporters.

(c) Catchers must also wear a cup.

(d) A catcher's glove must be used when playing the position of catcher.

(i) A catcher's helmet is required and must have a dangling throat guard.

(e) Helmets must be worn by all base runners and player base coaches.

(f) The use of batting donuts is not allowed.

(g) Only USA baseball bats are allowed.

#### **Section 11. GAME.**

(a) The infield fly rule is not in effect.

(b) Bunting and sliding are allowed.

(c) Headfirst slides are NOT allowed unless the base runner is diving back to a base he already occupied. (Refer to green book for further clarification if needed.)

(d) No "slash bunting/butcher boy."



(e) Opening Day to April 14 annually play is stopped once the pitcher has the ball.

(f) April 15 and on annually:

(i) Play is over when the pitcher has the ball, toes the pitching mound rubber and the catcher is ready to receive the ball or if time out has been called.

(ii) The pitcher may not use the rubber as a means of stopping a play in motion.

(iii) Once the batter/runner stops running, the play is over.

(g) Free substitutions, other than pitchers.

(h) No balks.

(i) No intentional walks.

### **Section 12. BATTING.**

(a) Batting orders should rotate each game such that all players get roughly the same number of at bats in the season.

(b) Continuous batting order, the entire roster bats.

(c) A player arriving after the official scorekeeper has accepted the lineup or after the start of the game will be added to the end of the lineup.

(d) No bats in the dugout. Use bat rack outside the dugout.

(e) Players shall not have bats in their hands while in the dugout, bats shall be in bat rack until player is walking on field to take their at bat.

(f) No on deck circle.

(g) On deck batter waits in the dugout (without a bat) with helmet on, ready to go.

### **Section 13. BASE RUNNING.**

(a) No stealing on passed balls.

(b) No leading off until the ball reaches the batter.



(c) A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher to put gear on, regardless of how many outs have been recorded. The courtesy runner shall be the last batter that has been called out (batter, not an out on the bases).

**Section 14. OUTFIELDERS.**

(a) Outfielders must initiate play on the grass and not on the dirt infield.

**Section 15. PITCHERS.**

(a) Each player that would like to pitch should get at least one opportunity.

(b) Eleven-year-old players may not pitch in Minors 8.

(c) Warm-ups are not considered pitches.

(d) Pitcher taken out of the game can return to the game in any position except pitcher.

(e) There is no limit on the number of pitchers that can be used in a game.

(f) **A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. Any player who has played the position of catcher (IN) four innings of a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.**

(g) If a pitcher reaches the pitch count limit for his/her age while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until one of the following occurs:

(i) That batter reaches base;

(ii) That batter is put out;

(iii) The third out is made to end the inning

(h) If a pitcher reaches their league-age max pitches during a batter's turn, he may finish pitching to that before retiring.

(i) The maximum pitch count for all ages in Minors 8 is 50 pitches and days of rest rule applies. See below for detailed days' rest.

***Special Note: Pitching Threshold***

Threshold = pitch count before requiring another day rest, example, 20, 35, 50, etc. If pitcher has pitched to a batter and reaches threshold, they can finish that batter.

Example: Pitcher has 19 pitches.

New batter comes to plate he pitches one and reaches threshold of 20, ball not put in play. Pitcher pitches three more balls ending at 23 and then is replaced. His days rest and pitch count would be recorded as 20 with 0 calendar days rest.

**NOTE: Managers do not need to call out "last batter" this is courtesy only.**



Pitches Thrown Per Day	Days' Rest Required
Pitches	Calendar Days of Rest
1 – 20	0
21-35	1
36-50	2

**Section 16. UMPIRES.**

- (a) A game coordinator is required if there is no adult umpire.
  - (i) EDHLL default game coordinator is the scorekeeper.
- (b) Umpire calls will not be questioned except for rules interpretation.
  - (i) If the umpire’s call does not adhere to Little League rules, then a time out should be called.
  - (ii) Both Managers and the Umpire can discuss the proper course of action.
- (c) Under no circumstances are balls and strikes or close calls on the bases debatable.
- (d) If a Manager/Coach is ejected for any reason they automatically sit out the next game played.
- (e) If they are ejected from a second game, they will be removed from the team for the rest of the season. (EDHLL Policy)

**Section 17. SCOREKEEPER.**

- (a) Prior to the start of the game both teams shall supply the official scorekeeper with the batting lineups which shall include the player’s name and jersey number.
- (b) Is the default game coordinator when games have only junior umpire(s).
- (c) The umpire shall announce the game start time, and the scorekeeper shall mark down that time as the official game start time.
- (d) The Home Team will designate the official scorekeeper and the official scorekeeper must count and record the pitch counts for each pitcher on both teams.
- (e) The official scorekeeper, if requested, must provide the current pitch count to a manager or umpire.



(f) The official scorekeeper shall notify the umpire when the maximum pitch count is reached for a pitcher.

(i) Managers have the ultimate responsibility for knowing when a pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count and must be removed.

(g) The scorekeeper is responsible for emailing or texting the game summary information to the player agent within two hours of the end of the game.

**Section 18. POST GAME.**

- (a) The visiting team is responsible for field clean up at the end of each game.
- (b) Each team is responsible for clean-up of their dugouts.
- (c) Both visiting and home teams are encouraged to assist with both clean up and set up.
- (d) Please make sure all field equipment is locked in shed after use.

**Section 19. POST-GAME**

- (a) The visiting team is responsible for field cleanup which includes watering and raking the mound, batter's box and around the bases.
- (b) Both visiting and home teams are encouraged to assist with both clean up and set up.
- (c) **Please make sure all field equipment and scorebook is locked in the shed after use.**

**Section 20. POST SEASON.**

(a) The post-season is the “play-offs” for the division, during the play-offs the following rules will be in effect:

- (i) There is a five-run rule in the first four innings
  - (ii) There is no time limit, all games will be five innings
  - (iii) The fifth inning is unlimited runs
- (b) **Special Note.** Should you have any questions regarding rules or items not covered in the Division rules or Little League rule book, please contact the Vice President of Operations.



**Section 21.** Revision History.

<b>Amendment Date</b>	<b>Approved by</b>	<b>Sections Updated</b>
December 6, 2015	Board of Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Pitch Count Correction: 31-35 pitches = 1 calendar day of rest TO 21-35 pitches = 1 calendar day of rest</li><li>➤ 2D: Added as unable to complete 2a if there are 13 players on the roster.</li></ul>
March 14, 2016	Board of Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Format Updated</li><li>➤ Updated rule 6b</li><li>➤ Updated fielding of team procedure</li><li>➤ Added rainout process</li></ul>
November 28, 2016	Board of Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Infield fly rule is not in effect</li><li>➤ Manager / Coach Field Access</li><li>➤ Base Running – Courtesy Runner (Catcher)</li></ul>
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