

WEST VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE

LEAGUE BY-LAWS – Minor AA Division

(As of 2010)

Minors Division – West Valley Little League recognizes three levels of the Minors Division (Minor AAA, AA and Rookie-Coach Pitch). These rules apply specifically to Minor AA. Minor AA should include 8, 9, 10 year olds.

Little League Baseball's Official Regulations and Playing Rules govern our league (Tee Ball, Minor League, and Major League) except as modified by the following rules. All Managers are responsible for reading and abiding by both the above referenced Rule Book and this document.

1.0 Team Responsibilities

- 1.1 The team designated on the schedule as the home team shall occupy the third base dugout.
- 1.2 Each team shall provide one new ball at the beginning of the game.
- 1.3 The home team shall provide the official scorekeeper
- 1.4 The home team will prepare the field for the game.
- 1.5 The visiting team, at the completion of the game, will be responsible for picking up trash around the spectator area and for taking trash to the dumpster.

2.0 Equipment

- 2.1 Uniforms must display the Official Little League Shoulder Patch on the left sleeve of the shirt.
- 2.2 WVLL provides the following: uniform shirt, socks and cap. Each player may retain the cap and socks.
- 2.3 Each player should wear regulation baseball pants and a protective cup. Belts are not required.

3.0 Game Start and Stop Times

- 3.1 Weekday games shall start at 6:15 p.m.
- 3.2 Games at the Minor AA level shall be 6 innings or 1 hour 45 minutes. No new inning shall start 1 hour and 45 minutes after the start of the game.
- 3.3 The home plate umpire has responsibility for calling the game in the event of darkness or weather. The home plate umpire is urged by the WVLL Board of Directors to err on the side of caution when determining when to call a game due to weather or darkness.

4.0 Players, Substitutions and Coaches

- 4.1 Children not registered in West Valley Little League may not play or practice with the team. Only registered team players are allowed in the dugout.
- 4.2 Managers shall follow Little League Baseball's Official Regulations and Playing Rules regarding pitchers.
- 4.3 All managers must abide by the minimum playing requirements as detailed in Little League Baseball's Official Regulations.

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5.0 Batting Order

5.1 As per rule book. The continuous batting order is mandatory for all Tee-ball and Minor League Divisions.

6.0 Stealing

6.1 A runner cannot leave the base to steal until the catcher has control of the ball in his hand or mitt. Stealing may occur at this point, at the runner's risk.

6.1.1 If a runner leaves the base before the catcher has control of the ball the team in the field may make a play on him. If the runner is ruled out, the play stands. If he is ruled safe, the runner must return to the base he originated from just prior to the beginning of the play.

6.1.2 If the catcher hovers over the ball, the catcher is deemed to have control of the ball.

6.2 Stealing is not permitted once the ball is deemed to be in flight to the pitcher from the catcher if the runner(s) did not leave the base(s) while the catcher had control of the ball.

6.2.1 If a runner leaves the base after the ball has been deemed to be in flight to the pitcher from the catcher, the play is dead. There can be no play on the runner, and the runner must return to the base he originated from.

6.3 Stealing of home is not allowed unless a play is made on any runner.

7.0 Pitching

As per rule book.

7.1 West Valley Little League utilizes the Pitching Affidavit form, and this is a requirement at the AA level. This form is maintained, in ink, by the Official Scorekeeper (home team's responsibility) and is used to document the date of the game, team played against, name of the pitcher, league age of the pitcher, number of innings pitched. This form is to be signed at the end of each game by the Official Scorekeeper and returned to each team's Manager for maintenance. It is the Official Scorekeeper's responsibility to notify the home plate umpire if a team is utilizing (or appears to be utilizing) an ineligible pitcher.

7.2 Refer to Official Regulations and Playing Rules for pitching rules.

7.3 In the event a pitcher has walked two consecutive batters (anytime in the ½ inning) and 4 balls to a any other batter in the ½ inning, a coach from the offensive team will pitch to the batter receiving 4 balls until the batter strikes out (the existing strike count still applies to the batter but additional balls don't count) or the ball is put into play. At this time the defensive pitcher will resume pitching.

7.4 To clarify, in the event a pitcher has walked two consecutive batters no other batter may walk in that ½ inning.

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- 7.5 In the event a coach is to pitch, the coach shall not wear a glove and must maintain contact with the pitching plate while pitching and shall not interfere or participate in any play. While the coach is pitching the pitcher shall remain near the pitching mound (and not in front of) and act as a fielder.

Example #1

- Batter 1 – hits
Batter 2 – walk
Batter 3 – hits
Batter 4 – walk
Batter 5 – walk (2nd consecutive walk)
Batter 6 – 4 balls from pitcher – coach to come in and pitch.
Batter 7 – Player Pitch - Batter hit by pitch.
Batter 8 – Player Pitch – Batter hits
Batter 9 – 4 balls from pitcher – coach to come in and pitch.

Example#2

- Batter 1 – hits
Batter 2 – walk
Batter 3 – hits
Batter 4 - walk
Batter 5 – hits
Batter 6 - walk
Batter 7 - walk (2nd consecutive walk)
Batter 8 – Player Pitch- Batter hits
Batter 9 - 4 balls from pitcher – coach to come in and pitch.
Batter 10 - 4 balls from pitcher – coach to come in and pitch.

Note 1: After 2 consecutive walks there will **NOT** be another walk in that ½ inning.

Note 2: This rule starts over with each ½ inning.

8.0 Umpires

- 8.1 Each team shall provide a Certified Umpire. Home team provides the home plate umpire and the visiting team provides the field umpire.
8.2 Infield Fly Rule will NOT be enforced in Minor AA baseball.
8.3 Ten run rule does not apply.
8.4 5 runs per inning rule will be updated per 2010 rule book and/or amendments and will be updated on this by-law line.

9.0 Official Scorekeeper

- 9.1 The official scorekeeper, provided by the home team, is to maintain both team's pitching affidavits and the official scorebook. This individual is not to be in the dugout and is to be available to the home plate umpire at all times.
9.2 The Pitching Affidavit is to be completed in pen, signed at the end of the game by the Official Scorekeeper and returned to the respective Managers.
9.3 The Official Scorebook is to be completed by the official scorekeeper. The Official Scorekeeper is to sign the official scorebook. The book is to be retained by the home team manager.

10.0 End of Season Play-off

- 10.1 Seeding are determined by www.westvalleybaseball.com/standings.php
10.2 Regular season rules apply. Tournament rules do NOT apply.

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Attested:

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