

2025 Farm Divisional Rules



- No scores will be kept as games are instructional only.
- Games will have a 90 minute time limit.
 - No new inning shall begin after 1 hour 15 minutes.
- Managers are not allowed to cancel games.
 - Any cancellations due to weather or any other circumstance will be decided by the Commissioner and/or Officer-on-Duty (OD).
 - Any games canceled will not be rescheduled.
- Home team occupies the 3rd base dugout and will be responsible for setting up the field prior to each game.
- Visitor team occupies the 1st base dugout and will be responsible for putting bases and all other equipment away along with raking the dirt areas.
- For Saturday games:
 - Home team for the first game of the day will be responsible for setting up the field.
 - Visiting team for the last game of the day will be responsible for putting bases and all other equipment away along with raking the dirt areas.
- There will be a 5-run limit per inning.
 - The inning is over after 5 runs are scored or 3 defensive outs.
- All teams must use a continuous batting order.
 - All eligible players must be included in the batting lineup.
 - If play has started and a player shows up late, they will be added to the end of the lineup.
- All players should sit at least one inning defensively per game.
- Each player should be given the opportunity to play infield and outfield each game unless there is a safety concern with that player.
 - Try to give every player the opportunity to play each position as much as possible.
- Defensive players may not be moved to another position during an inning except for an injury or other emergency.
- The season will begin with Coach pitch.
 - Coach pitcher will be allowed to throw 5 pitches max to each batter.
 - This includes bad pitches and foul balls.
 - Coach pitcher is required to throw overhand at a speed which will challenge the batters, but not overwhelm them.
 - Coach pitchers are required to throw with one knee on the ground or sitting on a bucket.
 - This will help keep the pitch at a level plane for the batter.

- The plan will be to implement Player pitch mid season.
 - Players will be allowed to throw 3 pitches max per batter.
 - If the batter does not put the ball in play, then the Coach pitcher will throw 3 pitches max per batter.
 - Player pitchers are only allowed to pitch a max of 1 inning per game.
 - This is done for the safety of the player and to allow more kids the opportunity to pitch.
 - It's recommended that Player pitchers wear a helmet, but this is not mandatory.
- Pitching mound is 38 feet from the front edge of home plate.
- All volunteers must complete the necessary requirements in order to participate.
 - Only approved Manager/Coaches/Team Parent are allowed in the dugout.
 - Only approved Manager/Coaches are allowed on the field.
- Kids are **not allowed** to hold bats in the dugouts.
 - This is MANDATORY and MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES.
- There are NO on-deck batters.
- Walks are not allowed.
 - Either the batter puts the ball in play or he/she strikes out.
- Hit by pitch is considered a ball.
- Stealing is not allowed.
- Sliding is not allowed.
- Base coaches will act as base umpires.
- Runners are allowed to advance 1 base at a time on balls hit to the infield on a ball not caught.
- Runners are allowed to advance 2 bases at a time on balls hit to the outfield on a ball not caught.
 - This will help teach runners how to round first base properly.
 - Runners must stop once the outfielder picks up the ball.
- Runners are not allowed to advance bases on overthrown balls.
- All players at all times will wear and use the approved equipment:
 - Batting helmet.
 - Helmets must be worn in the dugout as well.
 - Foul balls are hit from surrounding fields and can enter into the dugout.
 - Bats containing the USA logo.

- Each team must have a catcher.
 - Catchers must wear appropriate catcher's gear.
 - Catcher's mask must have a throat dangler and male players must wear a cup.
- Teams are allowed to have a max of 10 players on the field defensively with 4 outfielders.
- If you have a minor who is assisting with coaching and is on the field, he/she must have a batting helmet on at all times.

THESE GUIDELINES SUPERCEDE THE 2025 LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK, HOWEVER, ALL OTHER RULES LISTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LITTLE LEAGUE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.