



SVLL Majors and Minors Baseball Local Rules

Reminder to coaches – You were selected because you are good role models. If you have issues with umpires, you are to respectfully call timeout before approaching him/her with your concern, which should be done in a civil manner. Recognize that many sets of young eyes are on you. Maintain positive and calm demeanor. After conversation is complete return to your dugout and play will resume. If you feel strongly that a rules violation occurred, any game protest will be handled in accordance with the Little League rules handbook. **No arguing judgment calls. It is the responsibility of each team manager to address unruly fans, coaches, or players on his/her team(s) immediately. Please be considerate and treat all umpires with respect. They are volunteers like all of us.**

Local Rules:

- No workouts, practices, or games at non-SVLL chartered locations.
- Home team is responsible for preparing fields and bullpens before and after games (lining(before), and raking/dragging (before and after)), providing new game balls, and confirming/arranging umpires before games.
- No new inning shall begin after 2:00 hrs(*1:50 for Minors) from scheduled started time, unless no further games are scheduled on the field and umpire in charge agrees otherwise beforehand at pre-game plate meeting with both managers. **Clarify this at every pre-game plate meeting.**
- 2:15 hrs drop dead game time limit(*2 hrs for Minors) from scheduled start time; games should be halted immediately regardless of game situation unless no further games are scheduled on the field and umpire in charge agrees otherwise beforehand at pre-game plate meeting with both managers. **Clarify this at every pre-game plate meeting.**
- 9 players per team required to play in all divisions. In the Minor division, one player may be borrowed from the opposing team, with player being chosen by the opposing team's manager.
- Lights out at 10pm, no exceptions, particularly in Minor division.
- Games that aren't official due to insufficient innings played, and which began more than 10 minutes following the scheduled start time, may result in a forfeit by one team, pending board decision (each instance).
- Only players are allowed to catch pitchers on the field or in the bullpen, and must wear masks and remain in the standing position unless donning full catcher's gear.

- Maximum 5 warm-up pitches, or 1 minute 30 seconds between each half inning, whichever comes first. Pitchers, particularly new ones taking the mound during the course of the game, are entitled to max of 8 warm-up pitches, or a sufficient number at the sole discretion of the game's umpire in charge.
- Teams are allowed a 5 to 10 minute pregame infield, assuming the field is prepped and ready for play and coaches are prepared for plate meeting. Both teams must also provide lineup cards to the umpire in charge and the opposing team manager at least 15 minutes prior the scheduled start time.
- Mercy rule: 10-run mercy rule shall be imposed after a minimum four (4) turns on offense by the losing team.
- The dropped third strike rule will be observed in the Majors division only.
- Managers from both teams must submit game results, with name, age, and pitch counts for both teams, within 18 hours of game ending. It is recommended that teams compare books and counts throughout the game to ensure accuracy and in the interest of avoiding later disputes. Home team shall be the official book and count of record for both teams.
- All Minor division teams shall qualify for the end of season Roy Strotz, single-elimination Minor division championship tournament.
- Tiebreaker for tournament seeding, including District 1 TOC selection in the Major division will be record, followed by head to head, then runs against, followed by demerits for repeat late/inaccurate score and pitch count reporting violations, and finally coin toss.
- Minors Division Roy Strotz Championship Tournament seeding will be by draft order as defined during chip draw after League tryouts.

Any local rules not addressed above are to be handled according to the Little League rules handbook. Any decisions not addressed in the book must be referred to your division coordinator for resolution and subsequent reporting to the SVLL board for confirmation and/or official ruling, if needed.

Play Ball,
SVLL Board of Directors