

We will observe – Little League Rules with the following exceptions/clarifications, etc.

- 1) Game length – 6 innings. If however at the end/completion of four innings, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the coach from the team with the least amount of runs shall concede victory to the opponent.
- 2) We will observe a two hour time limit for each game during the tournament, which means that no inning will start after the two hour time limit has been reached regardless if the game ends in a tie or not. (Championship game is only game when the two hour time limit will not apply)
- 3) Tie-breaker rules: Head to head if only two teams tied, if more than two teams - total number of runs scored – if still a tie – score differential will determine tie-breaker
- 4) Both teams will be permitted/given the opportunity to take infield practice before each game, however games will start no later than their scheduled time unless weather is a factor. Games may start early “IF” agreed by both coaches and Umpires are ready to go.
- 5) Home team shall be determined by a coin toss and/or picking a number between 1 and 2, the winner having the choice. Dugout choice will be “first-come, first-served” basis.
- 6) Pitcher – No more than 3 innings per game. Once removed, he or she is not be permitted to return in same game as pitcher. He or she may play any other position.
- 7) Catcher – There will be no inning # restrictions.
- 8) If a team for whatever reason is unable to field at least nine players either during the game or prior to the game due to injury or any/other uncontrollable circumstances, the team with less than nine players will take an automatic out each time the “ninth” batter is represented in the batting order.
- 9) Batting – teams will observe roster batting (continuous batting order). Exception: if the team that you are playing has only 9 batters/players, then you are only required to bat 9 players, and so-on. Coaches however do have the right to simply bat everyone on their roster if they so choose.
- 10) Base runners will **not** be permitted to “lead off” and are **not** permitted to steal a base until the ball reaches the batter.
- 11) Players are “**Strongly Encouraged**” to slide into home plate if a play is being made. The umpire may call a runner out if they do not slide. Usually 1 warning is given, however is up to the discretion of the Umpire.
- 12) We will observe “uncaught/dropped” third strike.
- 13) NO metal cleats will be permitted.
- 14) Umpire calls are final and are not be argued during game time. Coach may ask for 2nd opinion from 2nd Umpire if available.
- 15) Tournament coordinator will be on site at all times. The tournament coordinator is responsible for interpreting rules as well as making decisions regarding the weather before the game has begun. All decisions made by coordinator are FINAL. The tournament coordinator reserves the right to change, add to, and/or modify any rule at any time if it is determined that the modification and/or change is in the best interest of the tournament as a whole. After the coin-flip, the umpires decision will be final as they will take care of the game in question
- 16) Protest – This is a fundraiser for the Noah Lear Family – There will be NO PROTESTS

