



# Lake Oswego Little League - Local Rules Version 1.4

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### i. Document Revision History

Date	Version	Author	Comments
4/11/2021 1	1.3	Kelly Rogstad LOLL President	New 2021 rules implemented: -Playing with Eight (8) Players - Courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or Catcher
3/30/2024	1.4	Shannon Roarke Kim Mangus LOLL President	New rules for AL Playing time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum playing time for AL</li> </ul> Removes reference to the green book – replaces with Little League Rule Book

### Document Approvals

Local Rules – Lake Oswego Little League

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## II. Purpose

This document will establish the addition of Local rules that apply to American and National Leagues.

## III. Scope

This document covers rules that apply to NL & AL that are in addition to the Little League® Rule Book. It does not cover all rules but rather the added Local Rules.

## IV. Philosophy

Safety & provide a fun and learning environment.

## V. References

Little League® Baseball Rulebooks: Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies

## VI. Local Rules - LOLL American and National League

*The Little League® Baseball Rulebooks outlines all rules. Outlined below are local LOLL rules.*

1. A player with a league age of twelve (12) is not eligible to pitch in the NL.
2. In the NL the 5-run per inning maximum rule (hereinafter referred to as 5-Run Mercy Rule) will be observed.
  - There is no 5-Run Per inning Mercy Rule in the AL.
  - There is a 10-Run Mercy Rule in both the AL and NL. The 10-Run Mercy Rule shall be applied in the AL and NL as hereinafter defined. If either team has a lead of 10 runs or more after the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> inning is completed in its entirety, or the home team has the 10-run lead after the first half of the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> inning, the team with the lead of 10 runs or more shall be declared the winner and each team shall vacate the dugout.
  - Apply 6 run differential to NL in regular season games after 5 innings, applies 10 run mercy rule concepts, appropriately. (Passed June 2019 KM)
3. Pitching rules: See Little League Rulebooks Book Section VI - Pitchers. (Review pitcher & catcher guidelines)

## Local Rules – Lake Oswego Little League

- In addition to the Little League Rulebooks, LOLL has a local guideline and rule where no National League pitcher may pitch more than six innings in a week (Sunday – Saturday)
- In a week (Sun-Sat) where a team has 4 or more league games scheduled because of rescheduled games, pitchers will be able to pitch a maximum of 8 innings (with required days rest). In the event any of the four scheduled games is rained out, then the teams affected by the rain outs shall revert to the 6 innings per week per pitcher maximum as defined above. Rain out is defined as not starting a game.
- IF upon receipt of the game report on “innings pitched per week” a violation becomes evident, the offending team will forfeit that game regardless of a protest or no protest. The board reserves the right to exercise judgment in each case.

4. Defensively every National League player will be allowed, as a minimum, one inning as an infield player, in the first 4 innings of the game. Safety exception is allowed on consultation with parents and commissioner. National League no player shall sit on the bench for more than 2 innings per 6-inning game, and those innings shall not be consecutive. Behavior exemptions are allowed, and parents shall be advised.

- For the American League: Due to the large team sizes for the 2024 season, the minimum expected playing time will be adjusted to 3 out of 6 innings. (KM, SR 2024)
- Lake Oswego Little League's philosophy will remain the same: play all teammates as often as possible for growth and development.
- Note: Little League rule cites 2 inning/6 out minimum for all team sizes under 15.

5. We will bat the roster. All players will bat whether they are in the game defensively or not.

6. Games shall last 6 innings if time permits.

- **Commissioner may set game time limits**
- AL time limits/requirements

a. Weeknight Games

1. No NEW inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the actual start time.

2. If you start an inning, you finish it “No time limit” (city lights out @10:00pm)

a) Be respectful of following game.

3. For the purposes of this rule, weeknight game start times shall include *Sunday 4:01pm thru Thursday*

b. Weekend Games

1. No NEW inning may start after 2 hours from the actual game start time.

2. If you start an inning, you finish it “No time limit” (city lights out @10:00pm)

a) Be respectful of following game.

3. For the purposes of this rule, weekend game start times shall include *Friday thru Sunday 4:00pm*.

Note:

1. If you encounter a “city lights out” either:

(a) Finish next day

(b) Or both managers agree to revert back to previous inning score.

2. **Start Time** is the actual recorded time immediately before the umpire indicates play and *NOT* the scheduled game time. Actual start time is recorded by the HOME BOOKKEEPER with agreement from umpire.

(a) Please be sure you all know the *recorded start time*, so it doesn’t become an issue at the end of your game. Home Book is responsible for recording the start time so please be sure your bookkeeper knows this.

7. Managers, coaches, players, and team members’ parents may coach the bases.

8. It is the managers’ responsibility to not let intimidation of umpires and players become a problem.

9. For NL, LOLL **prohibits** the “delayed steal of home.” If a runner attempts this, and is put out, the runner is out. If the runner is not put out, the runner is not declared out but is asked to return to third base.

10. Complete game is defined as more than 3 ½ innings.

11. Rainouts may be made up. It is both managers' responsibility to work with Scheduling Coordinator to secure a field and time for make-up games.

12. Eight (8) players are the minimum for the game to be played. Teams will be charged an out for the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) position. If less than 8 players show up to play a game that has not been rescheduled, that team will forfeit their game. If Managers of the team choose, they can share players and play an unofficial game during their scheduled time. If the manager has a situation where they can't field a team, and they know ahead of time, they can substitute "like players" and play the game.

13. A courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and/or catcher of record when there are two (2) outs during the regular season. Since a continuous batting order is used in our league the "courtesy runner" and must be the player in the batting order who made the last out.

14. First Aid kits, ice packs, shall be present in dugout at every game & practice. Also, medical release forms & concussion waiver for each player.