

Spring '12 A Division PLAYING RULES

Chino Hills Little League

A Division Local Rules

Revised 01/20/12

The 2012 Little League Baseball Official Rule Book shall be used as the official rules guidelines. Some rules have been modified to meet the needs of our local league. Final interpretation of any rule(s) shall be the responsibility of the Chino Hills Board of Directors:

1. There shall be a drop-dead time limit of 1 hour and 15 minutes **from the start time of the game** or 6 innings. No new inning shall be started more than 1 hour beyond the started game time. ***Use common sense when time limit is reached.***
 - a. Managers are obligated to play for the entire allotted time period, and are not permitted to terminate a game prior to the drop dead time for any reason or if otherwise authorized by the Division vice President or other CHLL board member.
2. A Little League Level 5 baseball shall be used during games.
3. All defensive players may be placed on the field with a regulation 6-player infield and the remaining players in the outfield.
 - a. Managers are expected to rotate infielders and outfielders every inning.
 - b. No player shall play in the outfield in consecutive innings.
4. The batting order shall consist of all rostered players.
 - a. The team's official batting order shall be submitted to the Division Vice President at the start of the season.
 - b. The submitted batting order will remain continuous from game to game (i.e., if the 5th batter makes the last out of the game, the 6th batter will bat first in the following game).
 - c. If an additional player is added to the roster at a later date, said player shall be added to the bottom of the originally submitted batting order.
5. The offense is retired when three (3) out have been recorded or nine (9) players have batted in an inning.
6. No players may stand in the on-deck circle during the game; all offensive players waiting to bat must remain in their dugout until they are called upon to hit by their manager or coach.
7. Coaches will pitch to the batter until the batter gets a hit or strikes out swinging.
 - a. Any batter hit by a pitch shall not be awarded first base.
 - b. A ball shall be considered "in play" if it is placed within the foul lines and at least 5 feet from home plate.
 - c. The pitching plate shall be a distance of 40 feet from the back edge of home plate.
 - d. The pitchers circle shall have a radius of approximately 3 feet from the center of the rubber.

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8. Coaches may pitch from either the pitcher's mound rubber (underhand or overhand is OK) or just in front of the pitcher's mound. However, during the second half of the season we discourage coaches from moving up or pitching underhand pitches unless very special circumstances exist.
9. While coaches are pitching the player-pitcher shall not position him/herself in front of the coach who is pitching but must remain within three (3) feet of the pitching rubber until the ball is hit.
10. After a ball has been hit, players are not allowed to advance bases once the ball has been returned to the pitcher, when he or she is within the vicinity of the pitcher's circle.
11. Players may advance one base only on any overthrow. Runners that are tagged or forced out must return to the dugout.
12. Players shall not advance bases on passed balls or wild pitches.
13. No infield fly rule.
14. If a fielder interferes with a base runner and is not attempting to field a ball, the runner will be awarded the next base even if they are forced or tagged out.
15. A maximum of two (2) defensive coaches shall be allowed on the field at any time, plus one manager or coach in the dugout.
16. Defensive coaches on the field shall act as umpires. (Remember these are scrimmage games and we are not keeping official score).
17. Both teams are responsible for supplying one (1) new game ball.
18. No official standings or scorekeeping shall be kept.
19. No official protests of any game shall be allowed.
20. No food, gum, sunflower seeds or beverages (other than a sports drink or water) are allowed in the dugout and no food, gum, sunflower seeds or beverages are allowed on the playing field.
21. Dugouts are to be kept clear of cans, glass bottles, food, candy, etc. and must be cleaned after each game.

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22. Post-game meetings must be held outside of the dugouts so as to allow the next game to begin on time.

23. Emergency cards/medical release must be present at all team functions. Random audits will be conducted to ensure compliance.

24. All male players are required to wear athletic supporters. All catchers are required to wear a fiber or plastic cup, mask with apple/throat guard, shin guards, and chest protector during games. (Hockey style catcher's masks also require the additional hanging throat guard).

25. **Rainy Day Procedures:** Fields at Community Park cannot be used for practices or games until the City of Chino Hills gives their approval. The field at Los Serranos must have the approval of the League President or his/her designee. The Field Maintenance Officer will provide a report to the President. If the Field Maintenance Officer is unavailable, the Safety Officer and then the Umpire in Chief will make a recommendation to the league president. If a team practices and/or plays without approval, the manager may be suspended for one game. LS is closed when Community Park is closed unless you receive approval from the President to use LS. A scheduled game is considered a rainout only if the city has closed the fields. Every attempt will be made to reschedule all rained out games. If an additional date is not identified a future nonconference game between the two teams will become a conference game. If the two teams involved have already played their non-conference game and an additional date cannot be acquired the game will result in a 6-6 tie. In the event one of the teams involved already has two (2) "rainout ties" the league will make an extreme effort to reschedule, to include delaying the start of playoffs if necessary. In all cases a re-scheduled game is not considered optional, failure to play may result in forfeiture. All forfeitures are considered and voted upon by our board of directors. If both teams fail to fill at least 9 players for the make-up game, it could be considered a double forfeit.

Field Conditions Hotline: 909 364-2738

Website address: <http://www.chinohillsll.com>

Composite Bats

The moratorium on composite-barreled baseball bats remains in effect. However, some composite-barreled baseball bats that have been proven in laboratory testing to meet the BPF (Bat Performance Factor) standard throughout the life of the bat, through the Accelerated Break-In (ABI) process, have received waivers. The approved bats can be found at:

<http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/approvedcombatssmall.htm>