

Alamance County Little League

2016 PLAYERS PITCH BASEBALL RULES

- I. NAME: The name of the league shall be Alamance County Little League.
- II. ELIGIBILITY:
- A. Anyone who has not reached his/her birthday before May 1st of the playing year is eligible to participate. (MINIMUM AGE: Anyone who has not reached his/her ninth (9th) birthday before May 1st of the playing year shall be ineligible to participate.) This will be done only through the use of birth certificates and the birth certificate file in the office of the Athletic Director.
1. Must be 9 years old before May 1st but cannot be 11 years old before May 1st.
- III. PRINCIPLES OF YOUTH ATHLETICS:
- A. It is the aim of the Alamance County Little League to provide organized games and activities, recreation facilities, supervision and leadership to the citizens of Alamance County in their ideals and interests in the area of leisure time activities and/or its organization.
- B. To promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, teach basic skills, develop individual talents, and provide the County's resident with the opportunity to enjoy the best possible recreation advantages and atmospheres.
- C. To recognize the Youth Participant as an individual with particular abilities and limitations. A great deal of consideration must be given to his/her physical, mental, emotional, and social development with every precaution taken to ensure that each is developed to its highest potential.
- IV. DISCIPLINARY ACTION: (Involving parents, spectators, coaches, and players)
- A. Ejection from game.....Minimum 1 Game Suspension
- B. Unsportsmanlike Conduct.....Minimum 10 Day Suspension
- C. Profanity.....Minimum 10 Day Suspension
- D. Threatening an Official.....Minimum Suspension For Remainder of Season
- E. Hitting an Official.....Minimum 2 Year Suspension
- F. Drinking.....Minimum Suspended For Season
- G. Fighting.....Minimum Suspended For Season
- Any coach, parent or spectator suspended must leave the facility immediately upon ejection, however, a player may remain at the playing facility. All suspensions will be reviewed by the ACLL in order to determine if further disciplinary action need be taken. All decisions concerning disciplinary actions by the ACLL & the Alamance County Recreation and Parks Department are final. Individuals can be suspended after the game for unsportsmanlike conduct by a game official or recreation staff member.
- V. DUTY OF THE COACH :
- A. The home team will be responsible for having someone return balls to the playing field.
- B. It is the duty of both opposing coaches to get together with the plate umpire prior to every game to decide the game's starting time.
- C. The ACLL will have an individual keep the official score at the field.
- D. The parent shall be responsible for seeing that their child is examined by his/her family doctor before he/she is allowed to play.
- E. ALL TOBACCO PRODUCTS ON THE PLAYING FIELD WILL BE PROHIBITED.
- VI. EQUIPMENT:
- A. The ACRPD will make the final decision as to whether a field is in the proper playing condition due to adverse weather. Coaches and players may call the information line, 513-5563 to receive information about rain-outs.
- B. Bats cannot exceed 2 1/4 inches in diameter. Bats must be Little League approved.
- C. All players must wear protective batting helmets covering both ears when at the plate and on the basepaths. Protective helmets worn in the field will be left up to the discretion of the team's coach. ALL baseball teams must have a face mask on their batting helmets.
- D. Tennis shoes or molded rubber spikes must be worn by all players.
- E. Each player in the field must wear a glove.
- F. Catchers must wear protective head gear and throat protector during the game and warming up pitchers.
- G. Each player must wear a numbered shirt.
- VII. PLAYING RULES FOR PLAYERS PITCH TEAMS:
- A. Players Pitch teams will play the following rules:
1. The official diamond for Players Pitch shall have 60 feet base lines and a 46 feet pitching distance.
 2. The number of players on the team roster will be no more than 16 players.
 3. All games shall be six (6) innings. In the event of rain or darkness, the losing team must have been at bat three (3) complete times to constitute a complete game unless the time limit has expired. Incomplete games will be considered suspended games and will be resumed from the point they were discontinued during the regular season.
 4. Any pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. The maximum amount of pitches a pitcher can throw is 75 pitches per day.
 5. Seven (7) players must be present to begin any game.
 6. Balks will NOT be called in the Players Pitch League.
 7. Batters may NOT advance to first base on a mishandled third strike.

8. A. A base runner may not leave the base until the ball is hit. PENALTY: Baserunner is out and the ball is dead. When the season begins, a baserunner will be able to steal 2nd or 3rd base (not home plate) once the baseball crosses home plate.
9. All games will have a one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minute time limit. Any inning started must be completed unless the home team is ahead. An inning will not be started with five (5) minutes or less remaining in the time limit. (***Clarification: A new inning begins immediately following the 3rd out made by the home team.***) The umpire's time will be official. Games must start at the designated time.
10. PARTICIPATION RULE:
 - a. Every dressed player must be listed in the batting order on the score sheet and bat continuously throughout the game.
 - b. Every dressed player must play one inning (3 outs) in the field.
11. The modified speed-up rule will be in effect.
 - a. Substitute runner for the catcher anytime he/she is a base runner. (Mandatory with 2 outs)
 - b. Only one (1) offensive and one (1) defensive time out per inning will be allowed.
 - c. Courtesy runners will NOT be allowed unless a player is hurt in the game. It will be the umpire's judgment whether or not a player needs a courtesy runner.
 - d. The player who made the last out in his team's batting order may become a substitute runner for another member of his team.
12. A base runner may not run into a fielder who has the ball in his possession with the intent of causing injury or dislodging the ball from the fielder. PENALTY: Base runner is declared out and may be ejected from the game at the discretion of the umpire.
13. The infield fly rule WILL BE enforced.
14. There is no head-sliding into a base, however a base runner may dive back to the base.
15. On-Deck batters must stay in the dugout, not field of play. They must not handle a bat until it is his/her turn to advance to the batter's box.
16. FREE SUBSTITUTION RULE:
 - a. The batting order must remain the same throughout the game.
 - b. When no substitutes are available, the batter will not be called out for missing their turn at bat due to injury or illness. However, this rule does not apply for ejected players.
 - c. There is no limit to the number of times a player may enter the game on defense.
17. A player who unintentionally throws his/her bat will be warned by the umpire. In addition a team warning will be issued and thereafter any player who throws his bat will be declared out. This is a dead ball situation.
18. Chatter will be permitted as long as it is encouragement for your team and not directed at the opposing team.
19. When a team establishes a five (5) run lead, the team's bat will end at that point. Each inning thereafter, the team with the 5 or more run lead will only be allowed to bat five (5) batters or have 3 outs which ever comes first. If the losing team cuts the lead to less than 5 runs, the leading team will then resume normal batting until they re-establish a 5 run lead. Once the team regains the 5 run advantage, 5 more batters will be permitted to bat in that inning.

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