

Managers and Coaches General Rules Agreement

Everyone in Park View Little League is a volunteer and we are all either a Board Member, Manager, Coach, Umpire, or Parent. Without the support and cooperation from all volunteers, the league will not be successful. If everyone helps equally and performs their responsibilities, the season will run smoothly.

Managing and/or coaching a team is not a “right,” it is a “privilege.” The following rules and guidelines have been set up for all to perform and adhere to. Anyone not following these rules and guidelines as well as the rules of Little League Inc is subject to any and/or the following:

- Disciplinary action from the board
- Loss of team
- Expulsion from Park View

GENERAL RULES

1. All managers and/or their designees will attend all manager meetings and or work parties
2. All Division Representatives will attend all open Board Meetings
3. The Managers will be responsible for returning all equipment and uniforms that were issued to them prior to closing day ceremonies. Failure to do so will result in NO trophies being handed to their team.
4. All teams are responsible for preparing the field prior and after their games and practices.
5. Managers are responsible for any lost equipment, locks, chain, etc that becomes lost due to locks and gates being left open.
6. All Managers are required to be first-aid certified. It is encouraged that coaches also be first-aid certified. A first-aid card is required for any manager or coach that wants to participate in post season play.
7. Home teams are required to provide a scorekeeper for every game. Visiting teams must provide ***official Pitch Counter.*** (except t-ball and minor-b)
8. Managers are required to have entire team roster medical releases with them at all times.
9. Managers are also required to have a first aid kit with them at all times.
10. All practices must be held at our approved school locations and Park View. You cannot just go to any school. Park View will lose all locations if a team is caught at a site that is not approved.
11. Teams shall not have more than four (4) outings per week.
12. Practices shall not last more than 2.5 hours
13. Names shall not be put on back of players uniforms
14. Managers shall know all pitch count rules and regulations.
15. It is recommended that all players wear an athletic supporter and protective cup

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Regulation VI – Pitch Count Rules

- a. Any player on a regular season team may pitch. (NOTE: There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.)
- b. Junior, Senior, and Big League Divisions only: A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.
- c. The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

Regulation VI - PITCHERS

Regular Season Pitching Rules - Baseball

Regulation VI – PITCHERS in the Baseball Rule Book has been amended to read, in part:

(a) Any player on a regular season team may pitch. *Exception: Any player, who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.*

Summary and Implementation: Beginning immediately, this prohibits a player – who has played the position of catcher in any part of four innings in a game – from being used as a pitcher at any time on that calendar day. This applies to all baseball divisions, and will apply to the International Tournament as well

VI - PITCHERS

- (a) Any player on a regular season team may pitch. (NOTE: There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.)
- (b) A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher. **Junior, Senior, and Big League Divisions only:** A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.
- (c) The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

League Age

17-18 105 pitches per day

13-16 95 pitches per day

11-12 85 pitches per day

9-10 75 pitches per day

7-8 50 pitches per day

Exception: Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in Regulation VI (c) for

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his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning. **Note 1: A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.**

(d) Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51 - 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21 - 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

The scorekeeper will be the official pitch count recorder. Counts must be recorded in scorebook per inning.

f. The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.

g. The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has reached his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted in Regulation VI (c).

The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed in accordance with Regulation VI (c). However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.

h. Managers are fully responsible for verifying all pitch counts after each inning. The scorekeepers count is official. **NO PROTESTS** for final pitch count numbers.

I: A protest can take place if a manager violates the rules regarding using or removing a pitcher that has exceeded his/her pitch count.

J. Any discrepancies or non recorded pitches will assume that the pitcher reached the maximum amount of pitches for that game.

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NOTES:

1. The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that player has pitched a ball to a batter, shall not be considered a violation. Little League officials are urged to take precautions to prevent protests. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately.
2. Pitches delivered in games declared "Regulation Tie Games" or "Suspended Games" shall be charged against pitcher's eligibility.

Approved Bats: All managers are responsible for looking at your team and opposing teams bats to make sure they comply with little league standards. The approved list is on Little League Online. The penalty for failure to comply will be a warning for first offense. Second offense will result in suspension of manager.

Any play being used by an illegal bat will count, but should be removed immediately and penalty will be enforced.

TEAM: _____ DIVISION: _____

By signing below, I am stating that I have read and understood the guidelines and playing rules provided to me by Park View LL and that I understand the consequences for breaking these rules

SIGNATURE: _____

This page must be returned to Vice President of Operations before any practices can take place.

Park View Little League Field Maintenance Procedures

We as a league are responsible for the up-keep and maintenance of our fields and surrounding areas. Other than cutting the grass, we are responsible for conditioning, watering, clean-up, fencing, an overall maintenance of our facility. We are proud to have one of the nicest facilities in the City. Without the help and cooperation of our Volunteers, Managers, Coaches and parents these fields and facilities will deteriorate. Below are some simple guidelines for maintaining the fields. If any issues or questions arise please contact the Park View Field Maintenance Officer.

Game Day Procedures (to be performed by BOTH teams)

FIRST GAME PREPARATIONS

1. Unlock both dugouts. Re-lock the chain and lock to fence so nobody take them.
2. Open score booth and remove items needed to prepare the field (Chalker, string, template, rake, hose)
3. Walk the field and remove any debris and fill in any holes.
4. If field is not dragged, rake mound and plate areas.
5. Line and mark the field first, then water the entire infield.
6. After game is finished: Remove all trash from dugouts and bleachers.

MIDDLE GAME PREPARATIONS

1. Rake mound and plate areas
2. Chalk lines and batters box (if needed)
3. Water field
4. After game is finished: Remove all trash from dugouts and bleachers

LAST GAME PREPARATIONS

1. Rake mound and plate areas
2. Chalk lines and batter box (if needed)
3. Water field
4. After your game is finished: Remove all trash from dugouts and bleachers, Rake mound and plate areas, Water if time permits, **LOCK** all gates and score booths and make sure all equipment is put away.

***If your game is on a weeknight, you combine First Game and Last Game procedures

TEE-BALL DIVISION

1. The uniform shall consist of a league issued hat and jersey. The remaining uniform is at the discretion of the parents/manager. The league issued jerseys may be kept at the conclusion of the season
2. The objective is to teach players to keep their eyes on the ball at all times, play as a team, practice good sportsmanship, and have fun at all times
3. All players must play defense at the same time
4. NO infield fly rule
5. The side is retired when all players have batted.
6. NO sliding
7. One (1) adult must be in the dugout at all times to supervise the players
8. There will be no more than 4 swings either 2 coaches pitches or 2 from the tee. Failure to put ball in play in first half of season will be awarded first base. Second half of season it will be an out.
9. Time limit of 1 hr or no more than 4 innings

MINOR-B DIVISION

1. The uniform shall consist of a league issued hat and jersey. The remaining uniform is at the discretion of the parents/manager. The league issued jerseys may be kept at the conclusion of the season.
2. The objectives are to teach players to play as a team, bat and field effectively. The winning of games is clearly secondary to having fun in this division.
3. **NO Pitching Machine** will be used during games.
4. Coach pitching will be used for first month. 5 pitch maximum. After 5th pitch it an out.
5. Three (3) runs in an inning end the inning. This is valid for ALL innings. **NO OPEN INNINGS.**
6. Normal batting rules apply – 3 strikes = out and 4 balls = walk
7. Each player shall play a minimum of nine (9) defensive outs
8. All teams will play 4 outfielders
9. No player shall play a single position for more than 2 consecutive innings
10. No pitcher can pitch more than 2 innings
11. All teams shall bat their entire roster
12. There shall be a two (2) hour time limit. **NO new inning shall start after 1hr 45min.** Game shall end immediately at time limit. Batter is allowed to finish at bat then game is declared over. When game starts both coaches must agree on start time.
13. With the exception of two (2) adult base coaches, no manager or coach may be on the field during play without approval from the umpire.
14. One (1) adult manager or coach shall be in the dugout at all times
15. Each team is responsible for knowing all pitch count rules and keeping track on a pitch count sheet every game.
16. Stealing home base or advancing to home base from third base on a passed ball shall be illegal in all games

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17. Strike zone shall be very liberal. Defined as anything that can be hit.
18. 10yr olds may not pitch
19. When a player has missed 3 consecutive outings, the manager must notify the Player Agent. The Player Agent will determine if the player needs to be replaced. If there is a disagreement between the Player Agent and the Manager, it will be referred to the board. When it has been determined that a vacancy exists, the Player Agent will replace the player as needed or available.
20. NO infield fly rule.
21. Manager is responsible for keeping track of a players pitch count and knowing the rules and regulations
22. NO official standings are kept
23. All catchers MUST wear a protective hard cup
24. NO adult shall warm up any pitcher at any time
25. A runner may steal 2nd or 3rd base only when the ball is missed or dropped by the catcher.

MINOR-A DIVISION

1. The uniform shall consist of a league issued hat and jersey. Cleats and pants are required in this division.
2. The objective is to polish players in preparation for introduction into the Majors division. Winning is clearly secondary to having fun and teaching and polishing the fundamentals of Little League Baseball.
3. Five (5) runs in an inning constitute the end of the inning.
4. The 6th inning only will be an open inning.
5. Balks are not called in this division. However illegal pitches will be called according to Little League Rules.
6. NO infield fly rule
7. Players must play a minimum of six (6) defensive outs. A player can be substituted freely without any reporting to umpires.
8. During the non-competitive 1st half there will be no advancing home on a passed ball.
9. All teams shall bat their entire roster.
10. There shall be a 2hr time limit. **NO new inning shall start after 1hr 45min.** Game must end immediately at the 2 hr time limit. If a batter is batting at the 2 hr limit, he/she will be allowed to finish the at bat. All scoring will revert back to the last **FULL** inning.
11. The season will consist of a first and second half. The first half will be developmental and non-competitive. First half standings will NOT count toward final standings. Second half standings will determine the playoff seeding of the division. A 4 team playoff will determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. (See tiebreaker rule) Tie games are equal to ½ win and ½ loss in the overall standings.
12. With the exception of two (2) adult base coaches, no manager or coach may be on the field during play without approval from umpire.
13. One (1) adult coach shall remain in the dugout at all times
14. All catchers MUST wear a protective hard cup
15. NO adult shall warm up any pitcher at any time

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16. NO team shall be on the field during another teams pre-game infield warm-up. (ex. NO hitting ground balls to players in foul territory or doing soft toss while another team is having their infield warm-up.
17. Minor-A players ages 9,10,11, refusing to be drafted into the Majors division or during the season shall be ineligible for post-season play. (per regulation VIII). 9yr olds are exempt from this regulation if the parent signed “not to be drafted” waiver at registration. If a parent signs this waiver and then changed his/her mind after the draft, then the player will be subject to regulation VIII.
18. Home team shall provide a scorekeeper. The Visiting team shall provide the official PITCH COUNTER. This person MUST sit in the score booth with the score keeper. This is the official count that will be used to determine a pitcher’s eligibility. Failure to do this will make the pitcher or pitcher’s in question to be declared ineligible for 4 calendar days.
19. Managers are responsible for verifying pitch counts every inning. If any discrepancies are noticed they must be dealt with prior to the start of the next inning. **Once a new inning begins the count becomes official. If no conclusion can be made on any discrepancies then the count provided by the official counter stands. NO PROTESTS can be made for any pitch count issues. Any discrepancies of pitch count will result in pitcher using the maximum number of pitchers for that game.**
20. All games MUST be put in the official scorebook. The home team is subject to a loss if a game is not put in the scorebook. The official scorebook shall not be removed from the score booth at any time.
21. The ten run mercy rule maybe invoked after the 4th inning.

MAJORS DIVISION

1. The uniform shall consist of the league issued hat and jersey. Cleats and pants are also required. Jerseys must be turned in at the end of the season.
2. Objective is to develop players and fine tune proper techniques. Some goals are as follows
 - a. Develop poise, team play, concentration, and a commitment to learning how to win or lose.
 - b. The elimination of residual mechanical flaws
 - c. Develop strong team skills, defensive skills, offensive skills and pitching mechanics
 - d. Promote a healthy attitude and the ability to overcome adversity.

The winning of competitive baseball games is secondary to the primary objective.

3. When a player has missed 3 consecutive outings, the manager must notify the Player Agent. The Player Agent will determine if the player needs to be replaced. If there is a disagreement between the Player Agent and the Manager, it will be referred to the board. When it has been determined that a vacancy exists, the Manager will have seven (7) days to select a replacement.
4. Balks will not be called in this division. However illegal pitches will be called according to LL rules.
5. All catchers MUST wear a protective hard cup

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6. NO adult shall warm up any pitcher at any time
7. 9 yr olds that signed the 9yr old Draft option saying NO to be drafted cannot be drafted even if during the season the parent changes his/her mind.
8. Managers must list all players (starters and non-starters) on official line up whether present or not. Full names MUST BE USED. NO nicknames or just first names.
9. The ten-run mercy rule may be invoked after the 4th inning.
10. NO team shall be on the field during another team's pre-game infield warm-up. (ex. NO hitting ground balls to players in foul territory or doing soft toss while another team is having their infield warm-up.
11. Playoffs will be determined by the board.
12. Home team shall provide a scorekeeper. The Visiting team shall provide the official PITCH COUNTER. This person MUST sit in the score booth with the score keeper. This is the official count that will be used to determine a pitcher's eligibility. Failure to do this will make the pitcher in question to have pitched the maximum number of pitches that day.
13. Managers are responsible for verifying pitch counts every inning. If any discrepancies are noticed they must be dealt with before the next inning begins. **Once a new inning begins the count becomes official. If no conclusion can be made on any discrepancies then the count provided by the official counter stands. NO PROTESTS can be made for any pitch count issues.**
14. All games MUST be put in the official scorebook. The home team is subject to a loss if a game is not put in the scorebook. The official scorebook shall not be removed from the score booth at any time.
15. All players must play at least 2 defensive innings plus bat at least one time.
16. ****New **** Every player must play at least 2 complete games. Each manager/coach will sign off the complete game report at the end of each game. Failure to do so will count as not a complete game played.

JUNIOR DIVISION

1. Same objective as Majors Division
2. Players will receive a hat and uniform. The uniform MUST be returned at the end of the season.
3. Rules will be distributed by District 42
4. Standings are determined using combined play with District 42.
Note****Trophies will be awarded by District 42.

STANDINGS

TIEBREAKER RULE

If two or more teams are tied at the end of the season, then the results from head to head competition will be used to determine final standings or playoff seedings. If the teams are still tied after head to head then the total points scored and allowed against the tied teams will be used. If the teams are still tied then a one game playoff will be played.

AWARDS

Awards to be presented to participants at the end of the season shall be:

T-Ball and Minor-B – All Players shall receive an identical participation trophy.

Minor-A and Majors – First, Second, and Third place teams will receive graduated trophies

Juniors – Graduated trophies will be awarded by **District 42** for First, Second and Third place teams in combined league play in District 42.

If any competitive division has four or less teams, then NO third place trophies will be awarded.

BATTING CAGE USE

1. Cages are for the use of current Park View players only.
2. A batting cage schedule will be issued to Minor-B, Minor-A, Majors and Junior teams at the beginning of the season.
3. Managers shall be held responsible for following the batting cage schedule at all times.
4. A manager or coach shall be the **ONLY** operator of the pitching machines.
5. A manager or coach shall be present at all times.
6. Only one (1) player is allowed in the cage area when hitting.

There are no exceptions to the above rules. Any teams not following the above rules will forfeit their remaining cage time.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (TOC)

- 1) Park View shall participate in the TOC at the discretion of the board
- 2) The Managers and Coaches shall be selected by the President and presented to the board for final approval.
- 3) Any Manager that wishes to manage a TOC team must notify the President in writing within 3 weeks prior to closing day ceremonies to be considered.
- 4) Managers in each division shall nominate players from their teams.
- 5) The TOC manager will select the team using the nominations from the other managers.
- 6) TOC teams shall carry 12-14 players

ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT TEAMS

1. Park View shall participate and host all-star events at the discretion of the board.
2. The Player Agent shall conduct all-star balloting under the discretion of the President in accordance with instructions issued by California District 42 and Little League Baseball Inc.
3. The Player Agent's committee shall audit and count the ballots with the President present.
4. Managers and Coaches shall be selected by the President and presented to the Board for approval.
5. Any Manager that wishes to manage an All-Star team must notify the President in writing within 3 weeks prior to closing day ceremonies to be considered.
6. 12-14 player will be selected to each team using the following methods

Juniors – The players shall elect five (5) players by secret ballot. No player may vote for a player on his/her team. Managers may not advise in the balloting. The Juniors division managers then meet to select 5 players. The manager then selects the final players to complete the roster.

11-12 Majors – The players shall elect seven (7) players by secret ballot. No player may vote for a player on his/her team. Managers MAY NOT advise in this balloting. The major managers will then meet to discuss the remaining participants. Each manager shall be allowed to vote for five (5) players by secret ballot. Those 5 players receiving the most votes shall be elected to the team. In the event of a tie for the 5th position, neither player shall be selected. The manager of the actual team will fill this spot. The actual team manager then selects the final players to fill out the roster.

10-11yr old - Managers shall elect ten (10) players by vote. The participants receiving the most votes will be elected to the team. The actual team manager selects the final players to complete the roster.

9-10 yr old team - Managers shall elect ten (10) players by vote.. The participants receiving the most votes will be elected to the team. The actual team manager selects the final players to complete the roster.

PROTESTS, FORFEITS, MAKE-UPS, RAINOUTS

1. All managers shall do everything possible to avoid a protest.
2. Refer to the Little League rulebook for proper protest procedure. Failure to follow procedure will **VOID** the protest.
3. Forfeits are generally not imposed, as they are inconsistent with the objectives of Little League Baseball Inc. Games missed for any reason shall be made up under the direction of the Player Agent. Teams that could not play the scheduled game will be at the mercy of the team they were opposing when rescheduling. The Player Agent and President shall

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recommend to the Board if a team shall forfeit for a particular reason. If both teams are at fault then a double forfeit will be imposed.

4. Rain outs are called at the discretion of the umpire or Board Member on Duty.
5. Make-Up's must be made up within 3 weeks of original game date. All games shall be made up at least one week prior to the end of the season.
6. If two teams cannot come up with a make up date then the Board will impose a make-up date or issue a double forfeit.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Park View Little League has a zero tolerance policy toward violence. Any form of violence will result in an immediate expulsion from the league.

PUNISHMENT/APPEAL PROCESS

Members may be disciplined, suspended or terminated by resignation or action of the board of directors as follows:

1. The board of directors, by a majority of affirmative votes, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend or terminate any parent, person or coach member when the conduct of such person:
 - (a) Violates the Park View LL parent/manager Code of Conduct
 - (b) Violation of any regulation or principle of Little League Baseball Inc.
 - (c) Violation of playing time requirements
 - (d) Mistreatment of children
 - (e) Sexual harassment
2. Prior to any board action, the board may request a written letter describing the incident from multiple parties. If necessary the board may ask the member(s) involved to attend a special meeting.
3. The board of directors shall, in the case of a player member, give notice to the parent(s) of the player. The parent(s) or player may appear before the board of directors or provide a written letter if necessary to provide details of situation. The board of directors shall then have the power to suspend, revoke, or take other appropriate action relative to such player's right to future participation. If multiple instances occur with said player, he/she may be removed from participation in said league permanently.

(E) DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

(1) If the board of directors finds merit in the charges, it shall impose a penalty as follows:

1. If the regulations of Little League Baseball Inc or the rules of said league prescribe a specific penalty, then the committee shall impose that penalty.
2. If no specific penalty is prescribed, the board of directors may impose one or a combination of the following penalties:

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- a. Written Warning
 - b. Temporary suspension of duties or playing privileges
 - c. Assignment of reasonable extra duties
 - d. Expulsion from the league for a finite period of time.
- (2) A member or participant thus disciplined shall be notified in writing within three (3) days of the Board of Directors decision.
- (3) Any member that is being disciplined, suspended or terminated may appeal his/her punishment to the board of directors. This appeal must be in the form of a written letter submitted to the President within three (3) days of being informed of his/her punishment. Any appeals after three (3) days will not be considered. The President will respond in writing to the appeal and may ask the member to attend a board meeting to provide details of the appeal.
- (4) If the member has violated the **Park View Code of Conduct**, the right to an appeal will be forfeited.

These rules can be amended at any time by an action of the Park View Board of Directors.

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CODE OF CONDUCT
Manager & Coaches

As a Park View Little League Manager/Coach, I will:

- 1) Be courteous to all board members, opponents, umpires, and fans at all times.
- 2) Exercise self-control at all times
- 3) Be familiar with the rules and regulations of the game
- 4) Show respect to all players, game officials and coaches
- 5) Refrain from the use of profane and/or abusive language.
- 6) Refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco
- 7) Respect the integrity and judgment of the umpires
- 8) Practice good sportsmanship at all times and insist that my coaches and parents do the same.
- 9) Encourage our fans to positively support our team and refrain from booing and other negative demonstrations.
- 10) Refrain from using paging system or cellular phone during games.
- 11) Winning is secondary.

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VIOLATIONS

Park View Little League has the right to **suspend or expel** any coach or manager for violating **any** of the above policies.

I have read and understood this code of conduct and I agree to abide by its provisions.

Name Print _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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