



Suffern Little League

P.O. Box 315, Suffern, New York 10901

Suffern Little League T-Shirt League Rules

1. **This league is INSTRUCTIONAL!** No score will be kept, there will be no standings, no playoffs are held.
2. A game consists of **four innings** with a **one and one-half hour** limit.
3. **Defense-** Everyone plays in the field. Two players play on the pitcher's mound. Other players play the regular infield positions. The remainder of players play outfield positions with one player playing a short centerfield position. The short centerfielder is allowed to make plays at second base, but he/she must start from the shortfield position (on the outfield grass) which is no less than 10 feet behind second base.
4. **Player rotation-** Every player must play two innings in the outfield. Everyone plays every position during the season as safety permits.
5. **Pitching- Adults pitch underhand from a distance of not less than 30 feet.** The goal is to allow batters to hit the ball. Try **not to arc the ball** to home plate. The team at bat is to provide a catcher, who is an adult coach capable of assisting the batter. **THE COACH MUST WEAR A MASK PROVIDED BY THE LEAGUE.**
6. **Balls in Play-** The ball must travel two bat lengths or it is declared no pitch. A batted ball hitting a coach is in play. A base runner hit by a batted ball is out. There is no infield fly rule. Runners cannot be doubled off if they do not tag up on a fly ball – the rule should be explained to the runner and the runner should return to the base. Play ends with a play at a base or when the ball is in control of a player on the infield dirt. Runners more than half way may continue to the next base. **There are to be no plays at home plate. Outs are to be made in the field.** (Strikeouts are the exception - see Rule 8.)
7. **Batting Order-** All players bat just as all players play in the field. Each player must bat in each slot in the order, with the order different each game. To save time and avoid confusion, it is strongly recommended that the manager plan the batting line up and defensive positions prior to each game. **No on deck batter allowed!**
8. **An At-Bat-** Players are allowed five strikes. The batter stays alive on a foul on the last strike. The batter can strike out swinging.
9. **An Inning-** Each team bats until three outs have been recorded or until the order has batted around. In bat around situations, the same number hit for both teams.
Example: If one team has 8 players and the other team has nine players, both teams bat 9 players during their half inning.
10. **On the Bases-** Bases are to be 60 feet apart. There is no bunting, leading off a base, stealing or sliding. Runners may advance on an overthrow at their own risk, but may not advance on a

second overthrow on the same play. **Runners may not over run second or third base and may be tagged out if they do so.**

- 11. Coaches On the Field-** Batting team must have a coach at the plate to aid the hitter (adult catcher with mask) and one coach at first and third. Fielding team, one behind the infield and one behind the outfield. Managers and coaches must wear shirts and hats provided by the league.
- 12. Minimum Number Of Players -** A team must have 8 players for a game. If there are less than eight players on one team, divide up all players and coaches and have a scrimmage rather than sending everyone home.

These are the rules that will be used. Managers and coaches must not make up new rules or change rules during the season !