



## **MAJOR DIVISION GUIDELINES**

***Managers should become very familiar with the Little League handbook, especially the rules concerning substitutions, minimum play, and safety violations (e.g. unauthorized equipment, pitch count, etc.).***

The rules for the Major Division are defined in the Little League Handbook Official Regulations and Playing Rules, except for the following Local League Rules:

### **General**

Games are typically six innings. No new inning can be started after 1 hour 50 minutes. Play will end after the next full complete inning. The umpire/Junior Umpire or designated official for the game will determine the official start time of the game for the purpose of starting a new inning.

A maximum of three adults (Manager plus two registered coaches) will be permitted in the dugout. One adult must be in the dugout at all times.

### **Offense**

- All Players on a team will bat in a Continuous Batting Order. Each player is required to bat in their respective spot in the batting order.
- The Manager is highly encouraged to have a courtesy runner for a player who will start the next inning as catcher to improve the speed of play when there are 2 outs.
- If a player is injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over him/her time at bat without penalty.

### **Defense**

- A player may be entered and/or re-entered defensively in the game at any time.
- Pitchers once removed from the mound, may not return as pitchers.
- All players must play two consecutive innings in the field.

### **Pitching**

- Must Adhere to LLI Pitch Count Rules.
- The Manager is responsible for having the Players' pitch counts tracked and needs to adhere to all pitch count rules. Manager must report pitch counts, catchers (including jersey number and last name) and score within 24 hours from the end of the game. Failure to track pitch counts, or knowingly violate pitch count rules will lead to disciplinary action.

### **District TOC Representatives**

- The overall winner of the Regular Season will be declared the League Champion and receive the "A Team" berth in the District TOC. 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher will be the "B Team" representative. In the event of a tie, the board will determine the tie breaker rules.