



Little LEAGUERS Baseball Rules

(as of winter 2016)

Field Dimensions	Each field is half the size of a Monarch Park Stadium mini-field. The Foul Ball Line will be indicated and players will get to re-hit any balls crossing the foul ball line.
Length of Game	Each team will play a maximum of 3 innings where all players on the offensive team will be given an opportunity to bat.
Length of Breaks Between Innings	There will be a quick water break in between innings.
Game Equipment	All equipment, except baseball gloves, will be provided by Monarch Park Stadium to maximize the safety of the game.
Number of Players	Defense: All players are permitted in the outfield Offense: All players will be permitted to bat. If the other team has more players, some players will be required to bat twice
Rules of the Game	There is no bunting, stealing, lead-offs, strikeouts, pinch hitters or runners.
Offense	Little Leaguers will utilize slow pitching by an MPS Instructor. As there are no strikeouts, each batter will be given 3 at-bats and if they cannot hit the ball, they will be given the opportunity to bat with a tee. Dead balls occur when the ball is not hit past the coned area by home plate. Players will be encouraged to re-hit the ball and this counts towards their number of swings.
Defense	Players will be positioned in the following positions: first base, second base, short stop, third base, "pitcher" (stays near pitching mound, but does not pitch), rover, back-catcher and outfield (3-4) Any balls caught with no bounce will be considered outs.
Player Equipment Required	All children should wear their uniform including socks and hats.
Miscellaneous	At this age kids should be given the freedom to play with little instruction. Rules should be explained simply and clearly with very little interruption of play.
Parent Coach Information	The defensive parent coaches are encouraged to stand near the pitching mound and direct their team where to throw. The offensive parent coaches are encouraged to help their batters with stance and swing. Most importantly parents should encourage players positively and LET THEM PLAY! Coaches shall ensure that each player gets a turn at bat and a turn infield. Coaches should not direct negative comments at any player or referee. MPS will impose sanctions upon any coach who fails to abide by these rules.



Parent Spectator Information	Spectators are not allowed behind home plate or in the outfield. Parents should not direct negative comments to any player or referee. MPS will impose sanctions upon any coach who fails to abide by these rules.
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