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## Minor Baseball Division Local Rules – Updated March 2016

NO LOCAL RULES established by Bennett's Creek Little League are to supersede Little League International, Inc. rules.

1. Minor division is an instructional/preparatory division for players who are league age 7 to 11. Players who are league age 12 may also play in the Minor division under certain conditions.
2. A post season tournament may be held upon mutual agreement between the division Managers and the commissioner and approval of the Board. The decision to hold a tournament shall be made prior to the first game of the regular season. The tournament format shall be single elimination with team seeding based on regular season win/loss records (interleague results are omitted).
3. Games are scheduled for six innings, but are considered to be official games after four innings are completed. Extra innings shall not be played. No new inning shall be started after 1 hour and 40 minutes have elapsed from the official starting time of the game. The inning in progress at 1 hour and 40 minutes from the official starting time shall be completed.
4. A half-inning is completed when the defense makes three outs or the offense scores three runs. However, a final inning of play that includes unlimited runs is allowed provided it begins prior to 1 hour and 40 minutes of elapsed time from the official starting time of the game. This "unlimited" inning will be completed only when the defense(s) makes three outs or either team obtains a lead of 10 runs or more. Managers should collaborate to ensure that the "unlimited" inning is started prior to 1 hour and 40 minutes of elapsed time from the official starting time of the game.
5. Managers will keep a score book for each game, with the home team keeping the Official Score Book. Keeping the score book is a mandatory requirement and an important part of managing a team. Score books shall be turned into the Player Agent at the conclusion of the regular season in order to prepare for All-Star selection.

6. Managers of both the visitor and home teams will keep required pitch counts, Home teams pitch count will be the pitch count of record. Any dispute of the pitch count will be brought to the attention of the umpire in chief and the umpire in chief shall make a determination as to the correct pitch count. Umpire's determination and subsequent ruling is final.
7. All games will be played regardless of the number of players on each team. If one team has less than 9 players, they may ask to 'borrow' from the opposing team. There are no forfeits. If a team "borrows" a player from the opposing team or a player from another team that is dressed and at the field, the "borrowed" player shall not pitch or catch in the game.
8. There is no stealing of home base unless:
  - a. there is a passed ball/wild pitch (a pitched ball that gets past the catchers position) or
  - b. there is an overthrow from the catcher to the pitcher or
  - c. the catcher attempts to make a throw and/or play to any base
9. All male/female players are encouraged to wear appropriate protective athletic gear regardless of what position they play.
10. Players shall be warned for throwing a bat. On the second such warning, the player shall be called out.
11. Players shall be warned for sliding into first base. On the second such warning, the player shall be called out.
12. There is no "head-first" sliding allowed at any time. A player executing a "head-first" slide at any base shall be called out.
13. The umpires shall call the game from behind the pitchers position. The umpires judgment and call shall be final. Team Managers shall only address the umpire with any questions or concerns. There shall be no dialogue between managers or coaches while the game is in progress. Time shall be called and managers shall have the umpire address the opposing team's management.
14. The infield fly rule is in affect:

**Infield Fly Rule:** Applies when there are fewer than two outs, and there is a force play at third base (runners on first and second base, or bases loaded). Under these conditions, if a fly ball is hit into fair territory and the umpire perceives that an infielder using ordinary effort would be able to catch the ball, the umpire will call the batter automatically out. If the infielder subsequently drops the ball, the batter is still out.

15. A Batter shall not advance beyond first base upon a base on balls.
16. Coaches may only assist (touch) an offensive player when the ball or play is dead. If a coach assists (touches) a player while the ball or play is live, that player will be ruled out and must return to the bench.
17. Coaches shall not warm-up pitchers during official games. This is due to Little League policies and safety regulations. If a Coach is injured while warming up a pitcher during practices or games they will not be covered by the Little League Insurance Policy.
18. Minor Baseball games shall be played by Liberal Substitution Rules. All players on the roster will be in the batting order and can be substituted at will in the field. All mandatory play rules still apply to defensive outs and offensively the players must receive one at-bat.
19. Courtesy Runners: After having reached base safely, a courtesy runner may be substituted for the catcher of the upcoming inning regardless of the number of outs. However, the substitute runner must be the last player to have been put out. This rule is intended to speed up games and also allow the catcher ample time to prepare for the upcoming inning.
20. Special Runners: The use of a special runner will not be utilized.
21. Tied Games: If a game is tied when the game is called by the umpire for any reason, the winner will be determined by reverting back to the previous completed inning. If the previous inning results in a tie, continue reverting back to previous completed innings until a clear winner has been determined. If no clear winner is determined the game will be considered a tie. No extra innings shall be played.
22. The Manager of the home team is responsible for having the field ready for play no less than 30 minutes prior to game time. If the field is not ready, the home team will lose the opportunity for infield practice.
23. The Manager of the home team shall bring at least two new balls to be used as game balls.
24. Both Managers are responsible for the policing of their teams' dugouts, stands, and adjacent areas immediately following each game.
25. After the completion of every game, the Managers of the visiting team shall ensure that the field is thoroughly raked and scoreboard equipment is returned to the board room/concession stand and scoreboard is turned off. Scoreboard equipment can only be checked out by Managers and coaches. Please do not

allow parents or children to remove equipment from the board room/concession stand.

26. The Manager of the home team shall ensure that the trash receptacles are emptied on both sides of the field.

27. Both Managers will ensure their dugouts are clean prior to leaving the field area.