

Chehalis Little League

2016 A League Special Ground Rules

1. These are attached to the Chehalis Little League ground rules and incorporate all parts of those rules not in conflict with these special rules, which apply to A League.
2. Games are scheduled for three innings. On school nights, no inning may start after 8 p.m. On non-school nights a 10 p.m. curfew applies. On nights when two games are scheduled on the same field, no inning may start after one hour and 45 minutes of play. To help speed up game play, it is helpful to have players ready for transition between innings (i.e. catcher's gear is on, players already know which positions they go to, ect.)
3. All players will play at all times. All players are entered in the batting order, and all players will be on the field defensively. Only the players at pitcher, catcher, first base, second base, third base and shortstop can be in the infield. All other players must remain on the outfield grass and in fair territory.
4. The coach will pitch to his or her own players. Coach must be at least halfway between the plate and pitching rubber to pitch. He or she may pitch underhand or overhand and may vary both the style and the distance depending on his/her perception of the skills of the players. The batter will be thrown a maximum of 5 pitchers, and then the tee will be brought out until the batter successfully hits off the tee. A coach may designate any adult (over 18) to pitch in his/her place.
5. There are no strike outs. Bunting is never allowed. Full swings must be taken.
6. Defensively, two coaches may be positioned in the outfield grass to help position their players. Offensively, adult coaches will coach at first and third base. One adult must be in the dugout with the players.
7. All players bat every offensive half of an inning.
8. A runner put out on a defensive play will stay on base to gain experience running the bases. All infield hits are limited to singles.
9. There is no base stealing at any time. Runners must remain in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
10. Adults on the field are not defensive players and must avoid contact with the ball.
11. When the last offensive player in the order bats, the coach must let the defensive team know that the last batter is up. On a play by the last batter, all runners advance to home.
12. The defensive player in the pitcher's position cannot be in front of the pitching rubber. He or she can be positioned within six feet to the right or left of the adult pitcher or up to five feet behind the pitching rubber.
13. Infield fly rule will not be called.
14. Base race will be run at the conclusion of each game unless weather or time makes it unsafe or impractical.
15. The primary focus of A League is to make it a FUN experience for the kids. Please have this perspective in mind when interpreting a ruling on the field.