



Langley Baseball Association Minors Division (9 - 11) Rules of Play

All games to follow directives included in Langley Baseball House Rules, Little League Canada and Little League International.

FIELD

- 1) Distance between bases is 60 ft.
- 2) The pitcher's rubber is 42 ft from the plate for 9-year-olds. 46 ft from the plate for 10 & 11-year-olds.
- 3) Home team takes the third base dugout. Visitors take the first base dugout.

PRE-GAME

- 1) The home team is responsible for preparing the field before the game. Visitors are responsible for raking the field after the game.
- 2) A ten-minute warm-up period can be taken on the diamond. The home team warms up first at 25 min before game time, and visitors start 15 min before game time

GAME DURATION

- 1) A game is 6 innings long.
- 2) Weekday games start at 5:30pm until May 1st. Weekday games start at 6:00 pm **after** May 1st
- 3) No new innings after 1hr 45 minutes until May 1st. 2hrs and 15 minutes after May 1st
- 4) 6th inning is an open inning unless time constraints; then, at the end of the 4th inning, the coaches & umpire will decide which inning shall be the last.

RUN LIMITS

- 1) Innings #1, 2 & 3: 2 run limit and no stealing home
- 2) Innings #4 & 5: 4 run limit
- 3) Inning #6 (or last inning as determined by coach or umpires) is open inning – once through the batting order

PLAYERS

- 1) A team must have a minimum of 8 players to start a game.
- 2) All players must wear an athletic supporter, cup, or Jill and supply a personal helmet.
- 3) All players are to bat in rotation.
- 4) All players are on the field for at least 3 complete innings per game (the game consists of 6 innings), if the game is less than 6 innings, all players should be on the field for at least 2 innings.
- 5) No player may sit out more than one inning before all other players on the team have sat out one inning. No player should sit for 2 innings or more in a row
- 6) Each player plays a minimum of two innings per game in the infield.
- 7) With the catcher on base and 2 out, put the last out in his place on the bases and get the catcher in the dugout to get their gear on.

PITCHING

- 1) 6 innings of pitching.
- 2) Little League Pitch Count rules and limits must be adhered to.
- 3) 9-year-olds should pitch 2 innings per game minimum.
- 4) If a pitcher reaches 4 balls to a batter to eliminate walks, the ball is given to the coach to pitch, and the pitcher stands beside the coach, ready to field the ball. The count on the batter remains the same, and the batter cannot walk. After the coach has pitched and the batter has either hit or is struck out, the pitcher comes back in to face the next batter.

NOTE: The pitcher is to stand just off the mound, in line with the pitching rubber. They are not to be positioned as an extra infielder.

GAME

- 1) Only 1 base is allowed on an overthrow.
- 2) Ball is dead from a hit once the pitcher has possession.
- 3) Stealing of 3rd is always allowed. Stealing of home is not permitted before May 1st. After May 1st, stealing of home is allowed **ONLY** during innings 4, 5 and 6. **NO** stealing is allowed when coaches are pitching.
- 4) Bunting is permitted.

COACHES

- a) It is the coaches' responsibility to display and promote their team's and parents' good sportsmanship and behaviour at all times.
- b) Must ensure that all players are wearing athletic protective equipment.
- c) Ensure that all equipment is in good working order.
- d) When a team is on the field defensively, **only 2 coaches** may be outside the dugout. The coaches must remain beside the dugout entrance (furthest from home plate).
- e) While on the field offensively, coaches are to remain in coaches' boxes beside 1st and 3rd base while play occurs.
- f) No more than 2 coaches on the diamond per team. One coach must remain in the dugout at all times.
- g) **NO** more than **ONE bucket** will be used by a coach at any time. They are to be removed from the field if not being used. Coaches should not be blocking the dugout doorway while sitting on a bucket.
- h) All on-field warm-ups should be completed 10 minutes prior to game start time.
- i) Ensure the home team scorekeeper records pitch counts and game scores. Pitch count sheets to be maintained by the manager with the scorebook. These may be reviewed at any time by Division Coordinator, Vice President or President (9 Year Old's and up).
- j) At the end of the game, coaches/managers are to ensure dugouts are cleaned out.
- k) If the final game of the day, please ensure the following:
 - i. All dugouts are locked.
 - ii. Gates to the field are locked.
 - iii. All field equipment is put away.
 - iv. Batting cage and container are locked.
- l) All coaches/managers are to refrain from the following:
 - i. Abusive or derogatory language or gestures.
 - ii. Conflict with players, coaches, parents, fans or umpires.
 - iii. Deliberately attempting to demoralize any player or team.
 - iv. Fighting.
 - v. Abusive use of equipment.

Penalty

1st offence - Depending on the conduct, warnings might not be issued. Ejection possible.

2nd offence - Immediate ejection from the game – see Rule 4.07 (Little League Rule Book) and given an automatic 1-game suspension.

All ejections will be reviewed for further disciplinary action.

UMPIRE

Reference Langley House Rules.

RAINOUTS

Rainouts will be called by the Umpire in Chief, President, Vice President, Division Coordinator or Coaches of the teams involved. The following actions must take place immediately:

- a. Person responsible for deciding the cancelled game must notify Umpire in Chief to cancel the umpires. If umpires are on the way to the game, full game fees must be paid to the umpires.
- b. Coaches are to be notified next if they are not responsible for cancelling games before start time.