

# TULSA LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, INC.

## 2017 LOCAL LEAGUE RULES

### MINORS DIVISION

1. **Special Tulsa Little League Local Rules:** *In summary, Infield fly rule is in effect, Lead-off is not allowed, No penalty for balks, Dropped 3rd strike is not in effect.. Base path is 60'. Pitching distance is 46'.*
2. During the first five (5) innings a team may score a maximum of five (5) runs per inning. All runners must touch the bases that they are forced to on any play in which the fifth run scores. If the fifth run of an inning should score on a home run hit over the outfield fence, all runs scoring on the home run shall be counted. **The sixth inning has no limit on the number of runs a team is able to score.**
3. Each player on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs. The Tulsa Little League Baseball penalty for violation of this rule is that the player in question must start and play defensively for nine (9) consecutive outs in the next scheduled game, unless illness or injury occurs to that player.
4. Two (2) adult coaches may act as base coaches. Base coaches may not switch positions during an inning. **One (1) adult coach must remain in the dugout at all times during the game.** A player may be used for a base coach. All player-coaches must wear a helmet while on the playing field. If the player-coach intentionally removes his helmet while the ball is in play, said player-coach will be removed from the coach's box and returned to the dugout.
5. All games played will have a one hour thirty minute time limit. The next inning begins when the home team has made its third out. **Innings begun must be completed unless it is impossible for one of the teams to win.** A regulation game MUST be played that is a minimum of 3 innings, 2 ½ innings if Home team is ahead going into the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. No mercy rule, games are played for 6 innings or until the time limit has expired.
6. A batting order including every player on the official team roster who is present shall be made before the game and used throughout the game unless illness or injury incapacitates a player. Players arriving after the game begins shall be added at the end of the batting order.
7. A regulation game normally played with nine (9) players can be played with eight (8) players. There will be no penalty for playing with eight (8) players. If a player arrives after the start of the game, he will become the ninth batter and take his turn at bat.
8. It is very important that coaches read and fully understand Little League Pitching rules. Tulsa Little League adheres strictly to all rules in the Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules.
9. Violation of the rule against use of an ineligible pitcher, pitch count limitation or rest period is automatic forfeiture and suspension of the head coach for the next scheduled game, if found to have occurred at any time during the season. A protest shall not be required and intent shall not be a defense for such a violation. **Coaches are responsible for keeping the team's Official Pitching Affidavit current with the pitch count and days of rest for their pitchers signed by the Umpire-In-Chief of the previous game and presented to the Umpire-In-Chief of the current game prior to the start time.** Upon request by the Umpire-In-Chief, failure to provide the Official Pitching Affidavit shall result in automatic forfeiture. The penalty will be levied by the Player Agent. No board meeting shall be required. Imposition of the penalty will not be optional and shall be automatic upon verification of the violation. See official pitching regulations.