**Rising Sun Little League**

**Minor A Baseball Local Rules**

**2021 Season**

**General**

* + - 1. The manager and/or coaches must be present at every practice and game. Managers must be at least 18 years of age.
      2. Managers are responsible for seeing that only authorized team members, coaches and officials are in the practice and/or playing area, including the dugout, while occupied by players. Playing field may be cleared at the umpire’s discretion. No more than two (2) approved coaches and one (1) manager are allowed in the playing area, and are not to physically assist in any way. One (1) approved coach or manager must remain in the dugout at all times while occupied by players.
      3. Anyone assisting with a team’s practice or game must be approved by the Board of Directors. As part of this process, each volunteer MUST submit a volunteer application, a government issued photo ID and pass the background check. Participation cannot start until the manager has been notified of approval.

**Players**

* + - 1. Players must participate in 75% of practices before opening ceremonies. After opening day players must make 75% of practices and games combined or they may be relegated to a two-inning maximum of play per game and risk suspension from the League. The Board of Directors must approve this suspension. Legitimate school functions or medical excuse will be allowed. Managers should keep these records and should be made available upon request.
      2. All players must wear a complete Little League uniform as issued by the League. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times. Uniforms consist of hat, shirt, white pants and striped socks. Players must not wear jewelry except for medical alert.
      3. Any manager having a player injured requiring treatment will need to inform the Safety Officer immediately. The Injury Tracking Report Form (available on-line and in the light room at the town complex) must be completed and submitted to the Safety Officer within 48 hours. All incidents that require a manager to file an incident report will require a written note from the player’s parent giving approval for the player to return to practice or game. If the player required professional medical treatment, the injured player must present a non-restrictive medical release to the manager prior to being allowed in a game or practice. The manager must submit the non-restrictive medical release to the Safety Officer.  Failure to follow this rule may result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

**The Game**

* + - 1. The home team dugout will be the third base dugout.
      2. There is no “on-deck” circle. Under no circumstances is any player to swing a bat except while near the batter’s box. If a player violates this rule, they are subject to “ejection” from the game.
      3. There are to be no bats in dugouts. Bats are to be kept outside the dugouts.
      4. Managers are responsible for keeping an accurate score book and posting game information in the light room at the town complex. This includes; pitcher’s name and number of pitches pitched.
      5. There is no player pool in the Minor A Division. If a team does not have enough players to field a team for a game, they may combine teams for practice. No player may be “loaned” to the other team.
      6. There is no division championship in the Minor A Division.
      7. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, all players, managers, and coaches are required to shake hands at the end of each game. Managers, coaches and players not complying with this rule will face immediate suspension.
      8. A pitcher must be removed from the pitcher’s position but can stay in the game in another defensive position if they have hit 3 batters during the game.
      9. There will be a 5 run per inning limit. When the 5th run is scored during a play, the play will continue until that play is over. Any runs that score after the 5th run will not count.
      10. There are to be no more than 9 defensive players on the field. An inning will consist of 3 outs or 5 run limit or until the entire lineup has batted. All team members on the roster will bat consecutively, throughout the game.
      11. Continuous batting order is mandatory. Substitutions need to be made to get players their minimum play time.
      12. Gates are to remain closed during games.
      13. Catchers must wear all protective gear during a game. Any player “warming” a pitcher must wear a catcher’s mask and helmet with a dangling throat guard. This includes infield/outfield practice. Pitchers must be “warmed up” by other players, not adults (this applies to PRACTICE and GAMES).
      14. The home team is responsible for obtaining a home plate and base umpires.
      15. Time Limits—SEE TIME POLICY OF RSLL.
      16. The so called “slaughter” rule does not apply to this division. In the event a game is not scheduled on the field after this game, it may continue to completion (i.e. 6 innings).
      17. Defensive Managers/coaches are required to remain behind the fence or in the dugout.

**The Fields**

* + - 1. There shall be no Sunday practice before 1:00 pm. There will be no practices on any field during Field Day activities. Practice may resume once Field Day work is complete, AS LONG AS THAT TEAM HAS PARTICIPATED IN FIELD DAY ACTIVITIES THAT DAY. Managers found practicing while field days are in progress will be suspended their next two (2) games.
      2. Any field can be closed to practice because of “field conditions”. Once a field is closed, it is not to be used until reopened by the Field Manager.
      3. Managers cannot make decisions on canceling or rescheduling games. Minor Division games will not be rescheduled by the league. Cancellation of games because of weather will be made by the approved Board of Director member. For cancellations check the RSLL Website [www.risingsunlittleleague.org](http://www.eteamz.com/risingsunlittleleague/) or call 410-658-6092 for the latest information. IN CASE OF LIGHTNING PLEASE CONSULT LIGHTNING PROCEDURE.
      4. At the completion of each game, both teams involved will be responsible for cleaning their own dugout, dumping contents of the trash receptacles into the dumpsters, and raking the field.
      5. Home team is responsible for getting the field ready to play (drag, rake, line etc.). Visiting team is responsible for field post game repairs (fill in holes, rake, etc.). This must be done even if a game follows on the same field. Visiting team is responsible for extinguishing lights, removal of bases and installing plugs if no game follows on that field. Managers not adhering to this rule may be brought before the board (or committee) for disciplinary action.