**Rising Sun Little League**

**Minor Softball 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 playing area, including the dugout, during the games. Playing field may be cleared at the umpire’s discretion. No more than three (2) approved coaches and one (1) approved manager are allowed in the playing area, and are not to physically assist in any way. One (1) adult 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 will not wear jewelry (except medic alert).
2. 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.
3. 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 a t-shirt, white pants and striped socks. Players may not wear jewelry except for medical alert.
4. 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.
5. When a player is lost to a team during the playing season for any reason the manager of the team losing a player will promptly advise the Player Agent.

**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 “removal” 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.
5. There is no player pool in the Minor Division. If a team does not have enough players to field a team for a game, they may combine teams for practice or play with less than 9. No team is to “loan” the opposing team players.
6. There is no division championship in the Minor Division.
7. There is no all-star team in the Minor Division.
8. 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.
9. Managers or coaches from the batting team will pitch to their own team for the duration of the season. Each batter will receive a maximum of 8 pitches unless the 8th pitch results in a foul ball. If any pitch after the 8th pitch is not fouled off or put in play, the At-Bat will end and the player will leave the batter's box. The batter will be out after 3 swinging strikes (3 swings without contact with the ball or a combination of 1 or 2 foul balls and swinging without contact with the ball for the 3rd strike). Batters will not be walked.
10. There will be a 5 run per inning limit. When the 5th run is scored during a play the play will continue until the play is over. Any runs that score after the 5th run will not count.
11. Managers are encouraged to rotate players so each player gets the opportunity to play both infield as well as outfield positions.
12. There are to be 9 defensive players on the field. An inning will consist of 3 outs or 5 runs are scored or until the entire lineup has batted. All team members on the roster will bat consecutively, throughout the game.
13. Gates are to remain closed during games.
14. Catchers must wear all protective gear during a game.
15. An overthrow or out of play ball will become a dead ball with the batter and runner taking one base. The ball staying between the lines is a live ball; runners may advance at their own risk.
16. Games for this division will be one hour and thirty minutes. Saturday time Limits—SEE TIME POLICY OF RSLL.

**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 THE 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. IN CASE OF LIGHTNING PLEASE CONSULT LIGHTNING PROCEDURE. For cancellations check the RSLL Website [www.risingsunlittleleague.org](http://www.eteamz.com/risingsunlittleleague/) or call 410-658-6092 for the latest information.
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.
5. The home team is responsible for pregame field prep---drag, rake, lines, etc. the visiting team is responsible for post game field repairs---fill holes, rake, etc. Field repairs must be done even if a game follows on that field. if no game follows the visiting team is responsible to remove bases, install plugs and extinguish lights.