**Rising Sun Little League**

**Senior Baseball Local Rules**

**2021 Season**

**General**

1. The manager and/or coaches must be present at every practice and game. Managers and Coaches 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 two (2) approved coaches and (1) one 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 when 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 a hat, shirt, gray pants, belt and solid socks. Players may 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.
4. 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 an “on-deck” circle. Under no circumstances is any player to swing a bat except while in the on deck circle or near the batter’s box. Only one (1) player in the “on-deck” area at a time. 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 game score, pitcher’s name, number of pitches pitched, and players with home runs.
5. Player pool: In the event a player is needed, the manager will be required to contact the Vice President of the division. A player or players will be assigned from the list by the VP. A team may use no more than 4 players from the player pool list for a game. If a player is obtained that is not on the list, the Board of Directors may rule the game a forfeit. No player from the pool listing can be used by the same team two games in a row without prior approval of the Player Agent. Pool players may not be used if 9 rostered players are at the game.

Rostered players may not be on the bench after player pool players have fulfilled their minimum play time. Teams will not use player pool players if they have 9 rostered players present. If a player pool player is assigned they must fulfill their mandatory play time and be removed when 9 rostered players are present.

1. Yearend divisional championship will be determined in the following order:
	1. Team with the best overall record, interleague games to count, will win the division.
	2. Ties: Teams tied after playing the same number of games will be decided by head to head standings against each other during regular season.
	3. Teams NOT playing the same number of games:
		1. After every effort is exhausted to reschedule make up games or if the partnering league is unresponsive and or will not make up missed games, the win loss percentage will determine the winner.
	4. If teams are still tied, a one game playoff will take place at the time and location decided by the scheduling committee. Coin toss will determine home team. Winner of the game take all.
2. All-star manager and coaches will be determined by the RSLL policy currently in effect.
3. 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.
4. There is no run limit per inning.
5. There are to be 9 batters in the lineup. You DO NOT bat through your entire roster. Substitutions need to be made to get players their minimum play time.
6. Gates are to remain closed during games.
7. 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 includes PRACTICES and GAMES).
8. The Vice President of Umpires will be responsible for scheduling a home plate umpire. Both teams are responsible for base umpires unless one has been assigned.
9. The ten (10) run rule is in effect: The so called "slaughter" rule does not affect either team until AFTER a "regulation" game.
10. Time Limits—Games must conclude 15 minutes before the next scheduled game.
11. No inning shall start after 10:00 pm.
12. 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. 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 cancellation check the RSLL Website [www.risingsunlittleleague.org](http://www.eteamz.com/risingsunlittleleague/) or call 410-658-6092 for the latest information. Rained out games will be rescheduled by the “scheduling committee”. Games that are cancelled for any reason will be scheduled for the next available time slot. Teams may be required to play double-headers to complete the season on time. If a game must be rescheduled for acceptable reasons other than weather, the manager is required to notify the player agent 72 hours before the scheduled game time. Failure to notify the player agent may result in forfeiture of the game once reviewed by the Board of Directors. It is the manager’s responsibility to view the RSLL website or the light room at the town complex for rescheduled game dates and times.
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. Home team is responsible for pre game field work—drag, rake, line, etc. After the game the Visiting team is responsible for post game field repairs-raking fill in holes, etc. This must be done even if a game follows on that field. If no game follows on that field the visiting team is responsible for removing bases, installing plugs and extinguishing lights as well as field repairs. Team managers not adhering to this rule may result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors (or committee).