

North Union Baseball for Boys
Little League Rules
Amended 2006

The official rule book for the North Union Baseball for Boys baseball season is the current edition of the Little League Baseball Inc., rule book. The head coach of each team in our league will be given a copy of this book. The only exceptions to this book are as listed below:

-The home team is required to set home plate and line the field. All bases will be set at 65 feet and the mound used will be at 48 feet.

-Each team must field six players of their team within ten minutes of game time or they forfeit the game. If any game is started with less than 9 players you will not be required to take an out as long as you finish the game with the same number of players as you had at the beginning of the game. No game can be started with less than 8 players and of the 8 players at least 6 must be from your team. It is recommended that you use pull-up players to fill out your team. If you start with less than 9 and are expecting the player(s) to arrive at the game, you will take an out until that player arrives. If the player(s) used to fill out your team are pull-up players, when the players that are listed on your roster arrive, the pull up player is to be removed from the game and your player shall take his place.

-Each team may pull up players from Farm league and a second year player in that league. The player can only be used with the consent of the player's parents. This player can only play if the boy is needed to put a full team on the field or if a player gets hurt and cannot continue. If a full team is available the pull up player cannot bat or play in the field. Once a player has been pulled up to a team he can not be used as a pull up on another team. Anytime a player is pulled up it shall be reported to the commissioner of the league.

-Game time is the minute the first pitch of the game is thrown and must be noted in the official scorebook. If a team is unable to field a team or delays so the game cannot be started, the umpire can inform the official scorekeeper and both coaches that the official time of the game has begun. Home team scorebook is official scorebook.

-All games are to start at the time scheduled or ten minutes after the previous game is completed, whichever is later.

-All league games played during the regular season, no matter what day they are played, will not be allowed to start a new inning after one hour and fifty-five minutes of play.

-Adult base coaches are permitted.

-In an effort to keep the game moving, a pinch runner for the catcher is recommended if there are two outs and he is on the base.

-All the boys that show up for a team are expected to play in that game unless disciplinary action is being taken. In this case, the umpire and the opposing coach are to be told of such action prior to the start of the game.

-Each player must play 6 consecutive outs and all players who report for a game will bat in the batting order. This does not affect pull up players.

-The home team will receive the baseball in the worst condition at the end of the game.

-Five Run Rule: If the score is tied or a team is ahead when it come to bat, that team will be limited to five runs that inning, unless during the play the fifth run scores other runners also score. This allows for a maximum of 8 runs to be scored in any one inning. If a team comes to bat and it is not in the lead, that team is given the chance to catch up and tie the score before being limited to the five run rule discussed above. This rule is not in effect in the 6th inning, nor is it in effect during tournament play for any inning.

-If after four innings of play one of the teams has a 15 run lead, the game will be considered to be over. If after five innings of play, one of the teams has a 10 run lead, the game will be considered to be over.

-There is no 10:00p.m. time limit.

-There is no required rest for pitchers as stated in the Little League Rule Book. Each pitcher is limited to 3 innings per game.

-Each game is scheduled to be six innings in length.

-The infield fly rule shall apply.

_An inning starts the moment the third out of the preceding inning is made. If a team is purposely delaying a game, the umpire has a right to state that the following inning would have started prior to the time limit without the delay.

-Catchers must wear all equipment in games, practices, and warm ups.

-There will be no time limits for tournament games.

-Flagrant balks will be called. Umpires will give a warning to the team. This will apply to flagrant balks which are at the discretion of the umpire. A warning will be considered to a "no play" everyone will return to there previous position. If the team commits a second flagrant balk, it will be called by the umpire. This applies even if a new pitcher has entered the game.

-Stealing is permitted. A dropped third strike can advance a runner.