

Huntsville Eastern League

Minor League Baseball - Local Rules

Article I. Ages

Primarily 9 & 10 and players not selected in the Major League draft. Exceptions require approval of the Board of Directors.

Article II. Assignment of Players

Players will be assigned to teams by a defined selection process, with the goal of placing approximately the same number of players, by age, on each team. See "*Player Selection Process*" rules attached. Each manager will select one coach prior to the player selection process. Each coach must sign a commitment letter to coaching with that manager. Additional coaches can be added to support the team but must be selected from parents of players after the player selection process is complete.

The managers and coaches will be recommended for selection by the Baseball President and must be approved by the Board of Directors. . Additional coaches added after the player selection process must also be approved by the Board of Directors. The only adults allowed to assist with a team on the playing field during the game are managers and coaches who have been approved by the Board of Directors and are listed on the official Little League roster.

Trading of players will require approval by the Board of Directors with a recommendation from the Baseball President. All trades must be submitted within 3 days of the player selection process. Please see "*Player Trade Request*" form attached. At the end of the current season, all teams must be dissolved with all players being returned to a player pool (i.e. teams do not remain intact from year to year).

Article III. Number of Players

Defensive Team = Nine (9) players.
Offensive Team = see article IV

Article IV. Batting Order

All players will bat in the line-up whether they are playing in the field or not. There is free defensive substitution.

Article V. Defensive Play

Each player present for the game must play a minimum of six defensive outs as detailed in the Little League Baseball Rules, section IV.(i). The board of directors recommends that all players get an opportunity to play all positions within their capabilities.

Article VI. Duration of Game

Six (6) innings., Game or time limit of one hour and forty-five minutes will be declared at game start by plate umpire. No new inning may begin after the time limit has elapsed. The game start time is to be noted and agreed to by the game umpire and both managers. An official game clock will be kept by the game umpire. Actual start time, not scheduled game time determines the game start time. If entire one hour and forty minute time limit is not up, a new inning should be started if all 6 innings have not been played. Tie games should be played out until time limit, if present, expires. Games tied when time expires or other umpire stoppage of play will be recognized as 1/2 win and 1/2 loss and not suspended. (See Little League Baseball rule 4.10 & 4.11).

Article VII. Pitching

Pitching will be governed by the Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball.

Article VIII. Forfeits

Each team must have at least eight (8) players present for normal play of game. The game will be forfeited by a team having less than eight players able to take the field at any point of the game.

Article IX. Base Running

Base Running will be governed by the Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball.

Article X. Side Retired

Three outs or combination 6 run/out; whichever comes first.

Article XI. Equipment

Conventional baseball equipment.

Article XII. Stealing

Stealing will be allowed per Little League Baseball Rules.

Article XIII. Bunting

Bunting is allowed.

Article XIV. Balks

There is no penalty for balks at this level. If the league holds a post season tournament, balks shall be called per Little League Baseball Rules.

Article XV. Infield Fly Rule

Infield Fly Rule will be in accordance with Little League Baseball Rules.

Article XVI. Coaches

One adult base coach and one player base coach are allowed. Adult coaches may warm up a pitcher between innings.

Article XVII. Run Rule

There is no ten run rule at this level. The game will end when 6 innings have been played or time has expired.

Article XVIII. Player Talk and Chatter

Talk and chatter will not be allowed by players on the bench or in the playing field. The catcher may not talk to the batter or yell, "swing batter" or make negative or derogatory remarks.

Article XIX. All Stars Major/Minor/Coach Pitch

Number of Players: 12

Method of Selection: All players will be included on the all-star ballot if they meet the age requirements for the all-star tournament the league elects to participate. Each manager and one coach will then vote for 12 players, with no more than three coming from his own team. The nine (9) players receiving the greatest number of votes will be assigned to the All-star team. The manager designated as the All-star manager, will, in his sole discretion, select three (3) players to be named to the All-star team. The manager of the first All-star team, however, must select from among the top 16 vote getters on the ballot or from those players currently playing up a division in the league, as in line with HEL post-season objectives. The manager of the second All-star team may select his own child, should he not be among the top vote getters as an at-large pick. In the event an all-star member needs to be replaced, selection of the replacement player will be in the sole discretion of the All-star manager. Along with the baseball director and all-star manager, a HEL board member will be present during the counting of the votes.

Selection of the All-star team manager:

Selection of the All-star team manager is based upon the over all won/lost record of each manager within HEL intraleague play. The manager whose team has the best overall won/lost record will be nominated to manage the All-star team. The manager may accept or decline the nomination. If the manager of the first place team declines, the manager whose team places second will be offered the opportunity to be the manager of the All-star team, and so on and so forth until a manager has accepted the nomination. The manager of the team whose team has the second best won/loss record will be nominated as an assistant coach or given the option to coach the second all-star team. The manager of the first place team may choose to coach the second all-star team if he so desires in the case that his child was not among the top 16 vote-getters on the all-star ballot or did not play up in league. All nominations are subject to Board approval

Confidentiality of the Selection Process:

It is strictly prohibited for any person to reveal to any person or child the All-star balloting count, or whether a child was selected to the All-star team as a result of the managers' meeting or chosen by the All-star manager.

If necessary, the President of Baseball will make a recommendation to the Board for a second All-star team. If approved, the selection process will follow the same rules as above with the remaining managers, coaches, and players.

Selection of All-star coaches:

The all-star manager will select one or two coaches to assist him as long as they are approved coaches in any Little League division in HEL. Choice of coaches is solely within the discretion of the all-star manager, subject to board approval.

NOTE

Unless superseded by one of the above local rules, all rules published in the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules will apply. Penalties for rule violations will be handled according to National Rules.