

2010 COMBINATION LEAGUE RULES
MAJOR BASEBALL DIVISIONS

Official rules of play are in the Little League Rule book.

**The winning manager must report the final score and pitchers by 10PM on game day.
SCORES go to: Rick Buss email: rbuss@nazarethasd.org**

Rick will email standings and pitch counts for games played the last 3 days.

Scores and standings will be posted regularly on District 20 website: **WWW.PA20LL.ORG**

A. Pitcher / Catcher Rule will be waived.

B. Tournament Pitching Rules shall be used for Championship Game (2 days rest)

C. Running batting order is optional. It is recommended the team having the least number of hitters determines how many batters will be in each order. Example if one team has 11 players and the other has 13 players both teams would use 11 or one team could use 11 and the other 13.

D. All players must play a minimum of 3 innings in the field, those innings DO NOT have to be consecutive. If a team has MORE than 12 players each player must play a minimum of 2 innings in the field. In a 4 or 5 inning game 2 innings are required.

1. Weekday games start at 6:00 PM, except as noted on schedule. Weekend games start at the time listed on the schedule. A team has 15 minutes from official posted start time to field 9 players or they shall forfeit the game. However in hardship cases a minor league 10 or 11 year old player can be brought up for that one game only as long as that player is declared prior to game time and his minor league team does not have a game. This is not to exceed two minor league players, and such players must meet the mandatory minimum playing requirements.

2. For postponements due to weather conditions, the home team manager should call the visiting team manager at least 2 hours prior to the game starting time to cancel. If you do not receive a call, your team should report to the field. Make-up games must be rescheduled at the time of postponement for the next available rain date or a date no later than the Sunday of that week. Contact combination coordinator for a decision if the game cannot be played by that Sunday.

3. Any team which knows that they will be unable to field 9 players on the scheduled game day, must notify the Combination Coordinator and opposing manager at least 1 day before the game. The rescheduled game shall take place on the next available field date. This rule only applies to known school or church functions.

4. Pregame: Home team practices until 45 minutes before game time
Visiting team practices until 15 minutes before game time
Line the field and exchange lineups from last 15 minutes before game time
Both teams help prepare field for game, available practice time is divided evenly for teams.

5. **Home teams are responsible** for providing umpires' game baseballs and keeping the official pitch count for **all** pitchers. Umpires must be at least 16 year old.

6. Only the manager and 2 coaches as well as one score keeper (at least age 16) are permitted in the dugout during a game. Players, managers, and coaches remain in the dugout during the game.

7. The ten run rule shall apply to all games.

8. No local curfew rules are allowed. Prior to starting the game, the managers decide if field is in playing condition. Once game starts, it is in the umpire's discretion on when to call a game.

9. The host league's ground and smoking rules must be observed by all teams, participants and fans. Each team is responsible for cleaning their dugout at the end of the game.

10. For any protested games, protest committee shall consist of one representative from each league, either president or player agent. Protest must be lodged before the umpires leave the playing field. Within 24 hours protesting manager notifies the Coordinator in writing or email.

11. Any player, coach or manager ejected from a game shall be suspended for the rest of that game and the following game. Notify combination coordinator via e-mail of all suspensions.

12. All teams must observe the new LL guidelines regarding pitch count. The home team scorekeeper will hold the official pitch count for both teams. At the end of every half inning the game score and pitch count needs to be shared with the plate umpire and both managers. All other Little League pitching rules shall apply as set forth in the Little League Rule Book.

13. Team rosters are frozen by May 9, 2010.

14. Pitching week is from Monday through Sunday which usually is used for make-up games.

Conduct code:

- Coaches must sign code of conduct. Umpires are asked to enforce it.
- Any player, manager, or coach ejected from a game is suspended for the next 2 games. Notify coordinator of any suspension.
- Fans on the playing field for any reason other than injury are ejected from the game.
- No one is permitted behind backstop.
- No smoking, observe host team rules. Each team cleans up its dugout after each game.
- Players and fans may cheer for their team only, until pitcher steps on the rubber and is ready to pitch. Badgering any player on the opposing team is not permitted.

Un-sportsmanlike conduct, profanity, or abusive language, from any player, coach, manager or fan is not tolerated. Managers / coaches are responsible for actions of their team and fans, and may be penalized for offenses.

- First offense—manager gets a written warning
- Second offense—manager is suspended for this game and next 2 games.
- Third offense—manager is suspended for rest of season.

Fan may be asked to leave field for any offense.