

## 2011 COMBINATION LEAGUE RULES SENIOR AND JUNIOR DIVISIONS

1. Weekday games start at 5:45 PM. 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, with regard to senior games, a 14 year old junior player can be brought up in hardship cases as long as that player is declared prior to game time. This is not to exceed two junior 14 year old 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. If the game cannot be played by that Sunday, the issue shall be referred to the coordinator for decision.

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 5:00 PM.

Visiting team practices from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Line the field and exchange lineups from 5:30 to 5:45 PM

Start game at 5:45 PM

Adjust these times to weekend start times

5. **Home teams are responsible** for providing umpires game baseballs and keeping the official pitch count for **all** pitchers. Umpires must be at least eighteen (18) years of age for behind home plate and 16 for the bases.

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. Managers, coaches and the score keeper must 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 will decide on whether the field is in playing condition. Once the first pitch is thrown, 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. The winning manager is responsible for reporting the final score on the same day that the game was played, email is preferred - if using phone you may leave message with teams and score.

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Standings will be posted on District 20 website: **WWW.PA20LL.ORG**

11. PLAYOFFS – see schedules.

12. For any protested games, a protest committee shall consist of the District 20 Senior or Junior Baseball Representative, and two other officials from leagues not involved in the dispute. For any protest properly lodged before the umpires leave the playing field, the protesting manager shall notify the Coordinator in writing within 24 hours via e-mail.

13. Any player, coach or manager ejected from a game shall be suspended for the rest of that game and the following 1 games. The division coordinator must be notified of all suspensions via e-mail.

14. 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.

15. Any team that forfeits 2 or more games is ineligible for postseason play.

16. Team rosters are frozen by May 1.

17. Balk warning – In junior division games during the month of April, each pitcher can be given one warning per game for a balk. The umpire should clearly explain the pitchers error. Any balk after that single warning will be called and bases awarded.

18. For regular season play, pitching rest will be determined by days rest method, intervening games will not be used.