



AIRDRIE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL NATIONAL MINOR LEAGUE HOUSE RULES 2005

1. **The Little League Baseball Playing Rules shall remain in force and apply unless varied by the Executive of the National Minor Division of Airdrie Little League Baseball, herein contained.**
2. The League will have booked all National Minor Division teams with an exclusive use of a baseball diamond for a predetermined **mandatory** practice session once each week. Players are expected to show up to their regular weekly practice, unless excused by the Head Coach. Parents are strongly encouraged to assist team coaches in setting up, conducting, and packing up practices. Coaches are required to re-schedule practices and make each up if it should be cancelled for weather, etc.
3. All players, female and male, **must** wear protective jock straps.
4. All games are to be scheduled as six (6) inning games. If time allows and both head coaches agree, the game can be extended beyond Six (6) innings.
5. Games held during a week night shall begin at 6:30 p.m. **sharp** and a half hour warm-up/practice session will be held prior to the game. A new inning shall not be started after 8:30 p.m.
6. The home team Coach and/or Manager shall be responsible for coordinating and ensuring that the plate umpire is in attendance along with one base umpire via Sue Ferguson – League Scheduler.
7. There is no ghost rule in National Minor Division games. Teams can start play with eight (8) players or, as mutually agreed by the head coaches, an extra opposing player may play on the team that is short players for that game.
8. All team members present shall be listed on the batting order and bat in turn even if they are not playing a defensive position that particular inning. In other words, every player who shows up to the game gets an equal opportunity to bat.
9. On-deck batters are not allowed in front of the backstop or dugout/team benches. Nor are they allowed to take practice swings behind the backstop or player benches.
10. If a player throws the bat after swinging at the pitched ball and is deemed to be dangerous by the umpire, that player will be given only one (1) warning. The second infraction will result in that player sitting out the balance of the game.
11. In the interest of accelerating play and maintaining a more exciting momentum to the game, a team's turn at bat shall end at the earliest of (3) three outs or seven (5) runs scored. The last inning remains closed.
12. A ball which lands "**fair**" and/or rolls out of play to the ball diamond side boundaries shall be scored as a ground rule double. A ball that is hit "**fair**" into the outfield and bounces over the outfield fence is scored a ground rule double.
13. Runners **shall not slide** head first into bases.



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14. Base stealing is permitted. **Lead offs are allowed only after the pitched ball has crossed home plate. Base stealing is not allowed when the pitcher has possession of the ball on the mound.** The same base stealing rules applies to stealing home.
15. Pitchers are to be warmed up in accordance with Little League Regulations and **must** have an adult spotter.
16. Pitchers shall not pitch more than three (3) consecutive innings in any one game.
17. Players may be substituted in and out defensively except a player who has previously pitched in the game shall not re-enter as a pitcher. Irregardless of substitutions the batting order does not change, except in the case of injury.
18. **All players, when their team is at bat, and all players not playing defensive positions on the diamond, are to remain in the dugout area or on their respective bench and under the supervision of a coach or manager. Players are not permitted in the bleachers or running around the park, while the game is in play.**
19. As an important safety precaution against choking, all players are not allowed to chew gum at any time during the course of the game. In addition, **no food or drink of any sort is allowed on the baseball field,** whether it is in the player's mouth, hand or pocket. Drinks, preferably water, are only allowed in the player dugout or bench during the game.
20. As a courtesy to the City Groundskeepers and baseball teams that follow to use the baseball facilities after you, please ensure that all garbage is properly disposed of in the garbage bins provided at each diamond.
21. Parents and spectators are reminded to please respect the decisions of the umpires and coaches decisions on batting rosters, player positioning and game strategy. All adults seen on the bench or on the diamond are **volunteers**. Each is giving of their free time and putting forth their best efforts to ensure fair play and player skill development. They are doing this in the **best interest of the children and not the adults.** They deserve your support.

Critics of our baseball volunteers are invited without prejudice to contact the League President. I will gladly accept them into the League as a volunteer to make such improvements to which they so publicly proclaim their expertise.
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