



## CORONADO LITTLE LEAGUE LOCAL RULES

### 2018 Regular Season Only!

The following rules are intended to supplement the “Green Book” rules and are unique to Coronado Little League.

#### For all Divisions

- Managers are responsible for controlling players leaving the dugout for restroom trips... **players are not allowed at the snack bar or in the stands.**
- Managers are responsible for controlling parents/friends talking to players in the dugout – this should be discouraged.
- Adults **may not warm up/play catch with players in pre-game**. This applies to all players, not just the pitcher.
- Opposing players/catchers may not be used to warm up the pitcher.
- The stepping out of the batter’s box rule will be enforced for divisions with assigned umpires.
- Pool players will be assigned by the Player Agent. Managers will alert the Player Agent of the need for pool players as soon as possible.

#### For T-Ball

- Coronado Little League plans to hold all Tee Ball games at Tideland Park. All games are scheduled to start at 9AM.
- The playing fields will already be lined for play when teams arrive for their game. The Home Team will be responsible for setting up the tee and the pitching rubber from their team equipment before the game and removing the same after the game. Bases will be placed 50 feet apart.
- Games are scheduled for at least two complete innings—Strive for three. By mutual agreement between involved managers, teams may play a fourth inning. However, there will be a one-hour time limit regardless of the number of innings played.
- At the start of each game, both teams and coaches should line the foul lines and face the flag for the pledge of allegiance. The home team should designate one player to lead the players in the pledge.
- All teams will use a continuous batting order with each player on the roster present batting. Within a given game, batting order may be adjusted from the first to the

second inning or remain the same at the manager's discretion as long as all players get three at bats (for a three inning game).

- Every player will utilize the tee.
- When at bat, each team will assign two adult base coaches and an adult responsible for coordinating play by placing the ball on the tee. That adult shall ensure that players in the field (including the catcher) and runners are paying attention and ready before placing the ball in play.
- An adult from each team shall be assigned to prepare their next batter (helmet on, gloves, bat located, etc). No player should have a bat in their hands until the previous batter has completed their turn. All other players not batting or being prepared to bat shall be seated in their designated spot/rug.
- Batter/runners shall not advance more than one base on any hit ball, regardless of where the ball is hit. Exception: The final batter may run all the bases to complete a team's half of the inning. This opportunity should be rotated over the course of the season to include all players.
- There will be no umpires used for this division.
- When a batter/runner is put out by the defensive team he or she does not have to leave the field as in normal baseball. Celebrate the out. Both teams should congratulate the defense, but the runner can keep running if the player chooses to continue.
- Each player on the roster present will play in the field in every inning. All positions will be filled, including catcher. Players shall be rotated such that they have the opportunity to play both an infield and an outfield position during the game.
- Manager/coaches are permitted to distribute themselves in the field of play when their team is in the field for safety and instruction purposes.
- Both managers will ensure that the field area is policed before departing and that trash from snacks, spectators etc. is properly disposed.

### **For A and AA**

- The pitching machine will be used for the entire season. The machine will be aligned so the pitch exits the machine exactly between home and second base (alignment only, not distance) and is set up 46 feet from the back of home plate.
- The pitching machine will be operated only by an adult manager/coach and must be unplugged when not in use. The machine is set to 38 MPH for games.
- If a ball is hit in play and it hits the pitching machine, goes through the legs of the pitching machine, hits the ball bucket, or hits the coach loading the machine, it is a dead ball. The batter is awarded first base and all runners are advanced one base.
- There are no called strikes – swinging strikes only. Players are allowed a maximum of 7 pitches, unless the 7th pitch results in a foul ball in which case the at bat continues.
- Bunts are allowed.
- Managers may play 10 players in the field. Four must be positioned on the outfield grass.

- Base runners are allowed 1 base on an overthrow, regardless of whether the ball is thrown out of play or not.
- Once the defense stops attempting to make an out and attempts to return the ball to the pitcher, the play is over. If a base runner is more than half way to the next base before the attempted throw to the pitcher is made, he may advance to that base.
- There is no infield fly rule.
- Games shall last 6 innings. However, no inning shall start after 1 hour 30 minutes from the start of the game.
- In Division AA, the fielding team may position a manager/coach in the outfield to assist in positioning players and coaching defense. The manager/coach may not come in contact with the ball or a player.
- The base coaches shall be responsible for out/safe calls at their respective bases, and the coach at the pitching machine shall be responsible for calls at second base and home. Any disputes shall be discussed amicably and if unresolved shall defer to the coach/umpire with the primary responsibility for making the call.

### **For AAA:**

- No new inning will start after 1 hour 45 minutes from the start of the game, but there is no time limit to the end of the game.
- An inning ends at 3 outs, 5 runs or 1 complete turn through the batting order, **whichever occurs first.**
- The last inning will be an "open inning" with **no run limit.** Umpires will alert managers to the "open inning".
- No advancing home on a wild pitch in the first half of the season. Runners may advance and score on errant throws to the pitcher or throws to second base. In the second half of the season, runners may advance and score on a wild pitch. Managers/Umpires will be notified when the mid-season change is to occur.
- Free Substitution is permitted.
- Regarding Rule 8.05 and illegal pitches, umpires will issue warnings for first offense and then call it per rule 8.05 if there is a second violation of the same nature as the one earlier warned about.
- Managers will not be charged a visit when on the field talking to pitcher during his warm-up pitches at the beginning of an inning. These visits shall not delay the warm-up pitches in any way.
- Games may end in ties and will be recorded in the standings that way. They will not be completed at a later date.
- Minimum play will be 9 outs and 1 at bat – 6 outs must be consecutive.
- One umpire must be an adult or a CLL BOD member must be present in the stands for the whole game.

### **For Intermediate:**

- No new inning on weekdays after 2 hours of play. No new inning on Saturdays after 2:15 of play.
- Continuous Batting Order (CBO) will be used for the first part of the season, and Free Substitution will be allowed. All concerned will be notified when regular "married" substitution rules are implemented.
- The on-deck batter may be in the caged area outside the dugout but may not have a bat in their hands and must be wearing a helmet.
- A Player not in the lineup may be used as a Special Pinch Runner twice per game.
- Minimum play will be 9 outs and 1 at bat – 6 outs must be consecutive. When CBO is implemented, no player shall sit for more than one inning on defense.
- No metal cleats at Bradley Field.
- A manager of a team losing by 15 runs or more after four innings may opt for the mercy rule, or continue to play the 5th inning. The 10 runs after 5 innings rules will apply regardless. In either case it will be an official game.
- One umpire must be an adult or a CLL BOD member must be present for the whole game.

## **For Juniors**

- On-deck batter is allowed in the on-deck area.
- Stepping out of the batter's box rule will be enforced.
- Managers/coaches must remain in the dugout during play. They are not permitted to sit in the on-deck area.