



2021 Sunrise Fall Season Rules All Divisions

Woodland Hills Sunrise Baseball is governed by the 2021 Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules (“LL Rulebook”). Please read and be familiar with the LL Rule Book. Local rules exist only to clarify issues pertaining to Sunrise Baseball. Interpretation and questions should be forwarded to the league President for discussion with the Board of Directors as appropriate.

SAFETY

- Managers, coaches, and umpires are responsible for enforcing all safety rules.
- All players must be legally and properly equipped according to the LL Rulebook.
- All catchers must wear an approved face mask with a dangling throat guard while taking infield/outfield practice, warming up a pitcher, and during games.
- Batting helmets worn by players must meet NOCSAE specifications. Any use of “C-Flaps” must be used in accordance with the specifications of the helmet manufacturer. The “cage” and plastic bar types of face protection are legal if no alterations (drilling holes) were made to the helmet for installation.
- All players must wear an approved batting helmet when taking any type of batting practice or coaching the bases. This includes cage, soft-toss, or tee work.
- Bats are not to be in players' hands prior to their turn at bat. Only one player at a time is allowed outside the dugout with a bat.
- The dugout is the area inside of the fenced-in portion of the team’s seating area.
- The dugout is for players and coaches only.
- No parents or siblings are allowed in the dugout during the game.
- No food or chewing gum is allowed in the dugout or on the field of play.
- No food, chewing gum, or seeds are allowed in the batting cages.
- All managers and coaches must be in their dugout when their team is playing defense.
- Players must be in their dugout when sitting out a defensive half inning or awaiting their turn at bat.
- Players must wear a helmet while in the uncovered area in the dugout.
- Players should inform the manager or any coach if there is a medical need to leave the dugout.
- Players are not allowed to throw live (batter swinging) batting practice in the batting cages.
- An “L” screen must be in place and utilized during batting practice in all Sunrise cages.
- When a player needs to leave the game due to injury, ejection, or any other reason, their spot in the order is vacated and the order shall continue on as if the player had never been in the game.
- Any player removed from a game due to injury may re-enter at any time. **However**, an injured pitcher may not return as a pitcher.
- No walk-up or warm-up music is allowed at any time during games. Teams may play appropriate music while taking batting practice in a cage as long as it is not deemed a distraction to any game in progress as determined at the discretion of the umpire.
- No pets are allowed at any time except service animals.
- Sunrise Woodland Hills Baseball prohibits one adult from being alone with one player who is not their own child.
- All Covid-19 protocols applicable to Youth Sports will be followed by all participants.

FIELD DECORUM

- The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires, and league officials must conform to the code of conduct.
- All games should begin at their scheduled time, or if later, upon completion of field maintenance.
- If twenty-five (25) minutes are available before the scheduled start of the game, each team will be allowed ten (10) minutes warm-up on the entire field. The Home team shall have the first ten (10) minutes and the Visiting team shall have the next ten (10) minutes. If twenty-five (25) minutes are not available, the teams shall split the available time leading up to the scheduled game time but shall leave five (5) minutes for the pre-game plate meeting.
- **Per LL Rulebook, Managers and coaches are not allowed to warm up pitchers on the field or in a cage. There is no exception to this rule.**
- No player batting is allowed on the field before the game, including whiffle balls.
- No pitching on the field is allowed prior to the first inning warm-up.
- Use of electronic devices is prohibited on the field except and only for scorekeeping and pitch count.
- Managers are not required to start a defensive player not present 15 minutes prior to a game's scheduled start time.
- Players arriving after the plate meeting must be inserted at the bottom of the batting order.
- Only managers may speak with the umpires. Managers may not argue or question an umpire's call but may ask for time to discuss a rule.
- Following an ejection; players, managers, and coaches are ineligible to participate in their next regularly scheduled game and must attend a meeting with league representatives prior to returning to their teams.
- An ejection may be considered a violation of the **Sunrise Manager's Code of Ethics** or the **Sunrise Player's Code of Conduct**.
- At the conclusion of the game, teams must gather their equipment, clean and vacate the dugout immediately and prepare the field for the next game.
- **Teams are responsible for cleaning their respective dugout and bleacher areas.**
- The home team is responsible for field maintenance after each game, with the assistance of the visiting team (dragging the infield, watering the infield, removal of the bases, and covering the mound and the plate with the tarps after the last game or practice of the day).
- Teams choosing to hold a post-game meeting must do so off the field so the next teams may prepare for their game.

SCOREKEEPING

- Each Division I, II, and III team must keep scorebooks and provide a scorekeeper.
- On Fields 1 and 2 scorekeepers are strongly encouraged to keep score in the scorer's booth.
- On Field 3, sit as close to home plate as possible.
- The home team scorekeeper is the official scorekeeper of the game and maintains the official score and pitch count for both teams.
- The scorekeeper and pitch count shall not communicate with the managers or coaches. They shall speak only with the umpires. Once the first pitch of the next half inning has been delivered, the count stands according to the official scorekeeper.

- Scorebooks are the property of the league and will be reviewed by the head scorekeeper, umpire-in-chief, and appropriate player agent.
- Scorebooks are optional and not official for the Tee Ball and Coach Pitch divisions.
- All scorebooks should be kept in the Dow house on Field 1 or the Field 3 lockup.
- Scorekeepers must ensure that the pitch counter has properly completed both the Pitching Log and Pitcher Eligibility Form after each game.
- Managers are responsible for reporting pitch counts via the Sunrise website within 24-hours of the completion of the game.
- The Pitching Log and Pitcher Eligibility Form shall remain at Sunrise at all times.

GROUND RULES

- On all fields: If a batted ball hits the yellow outfield fence cap in fair territory and bounces back into the playing field, it is not a home run. It is a live ball and runners advance at their own risk.
- On all fields: A batted ball that hits a tree on the fly down the foul line is a foul ball.
- The ball is deemed to have entered the dugout if it lands on the roof of the dugout or if it hits the wire fence above the dugout.

PLAYING CONDITIONS

- Cancellation of a regularly scheduled game prior to its start due to unplayable conditions may only be done by the league president, umpire-in-chief, or their appointed representative. All teams should arrive at the fields ready to play.
- The game scheduler will make every effort to reschedule canceled games. However, due to limited field availability, this may not be possible.
- Final approval of all rescheduling is the responsibility of the league president.
- All divisions will use the Sunset time as set forth on the Sunrise game schedule to determine the “drop dead” time. Games must end at this time unless previously terminated by the umpiring crew. All managers and umpires should note the sunset time prior to each game. Should a game be called by darkness, the final score will revert to the last completed inning.
- The home plate umpire has sole responsibility for keeping the game at a proper pace without allowing unnecessary delays.
- Manipulating play with regards to the “drop dead” time is not in the spirit of Sunrise Baseball and will be subject to discipline by the Sunrise Board of Directors.

UMPIRES

- If an umpire is not present 5 minutes prior to the start time, the managers must choose a substitute umpire.
- Failure to choose a substitute umpire will not afford additional time for the game. A game canceled because of no volunteer umpire will not be rescheduled.
- The Umpire-in-Chief may choose or prohibit a particular umpire to work any specific game(s).
- All umpires must be pre-approved by the UIC prior to working any game.

CAGES

- Teams playing on Field 1 use Cage 1 on game days.
- Teams playing on Field 2 use Cage 2 (Visitors) and Cage 4 (Home)
- Teams playing on Field 3 use Cage 3 (Visitors) and Cage 5 (Home)
- Teams participating in games have priority in the use of the affiliated cages.
- Players are not allowed to throw live (batter swinging) batting practice in the batting cages.
- An “L” screen must be in place and utilized during batting practice in all Sunrise cages.
- Catchers warming up pitchers need an approved face mask with a dangling throat guard and a catcher’s mitt.

TIEBREAKERS

Where only 2 teams are tied:

- Head to Head records, if still tied;
- Head to Head fewest runs allowed, if still tied;
- Total fewest runs allowed, if still tied;
- Coin flip administered by League President or Umpire-In-Chief

If Multiple Teams Tied:

- Head to Head records among tied teams, if still tied;
- Head to Head fewest runs allowed, if still tied;
- Total fewest runs allowed, if still tied;
- Coin Flip administered by League President or Umpire-In-Chief

Unless specified in these local Rules, all rules found in the 2021 Little League Rulebook apply.