



## **Majors Division Local Rules**

Woodland Hills Sunrise Little League is bound by the Little League Baseball Rulebook (the “Rulebook”). Please read and be familiar with the current edition (2021) of the Rulebook, **which can be downloaded and accessed on any smart device**. Local rules exist only to clarify issues pertaining to our league; questions and requests for interpretation of the rules should be forwarded to the league president for discussion with the Board of Directors, as appropriate.

### **Section 1. General Game Rules**

- Time Limit:** Majors games are played to completion. **If a game is suspended because of sunset time it will be resumed at a time to be decided upon by the Board of Directors.**
- Batting:** Continuous batting order (every player bats)
- Minimum Players:** **Eight (8) players are needed to start the game. Players may be borrowed from the AAA division with approval of the Major Player Agent to make a team of nine (9) players. If a game is started with eight (8) players, an out shall be called for the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) position in the batting lineup for each turn at bat. A game cannot continue with less than eight (8) players and a team resulting with less than eight (8) players at any point in the game, for any reason shall forfeit.**
- Run Rule:** See Rule 4.10(e) in the Rulebook.

### **Section 2. Offense**

- **Courtesy Runners are allowed for pitchers and catchers with two (2) outs in any inning. The player who made the last offensive out shall be the Courtesy Runner.**
- All Little League rules (Majors division) apply.

### **Section 3. Pitching:**

- All pitching rules and limitations set forth in the Rulebook apply. Pitch logs and eligibility forms must be completed and signed by the Manager after every game **and submitted to Sunrise via the website.**

### **Section 4. Defense**

- Each player present shall play a minimum of nine (9) defensive outs during a six (6) inning game.
- Players who fail to play the minimum nine (9) defensive outs during a game must start the next scheduled game and play any previous requirement not completed. Once the previous requirement is completed, then the minimum playing rules apply for the current game as described previously.
- The only exceptions to these rules of defense are due to games ended by Run Rule 4.10(e) or players injured, absent, out of uniform, and/or not in good standing with the league.



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### **Section 5. Coaches**

- No more than three (3) Board of Directors-approved adult manager/coaches are allowed on the field or in the dugout at any time.
- A Manager is limited to two requests per game to confer with the umpires on a call or rule interpretation.

### **Section 6. Umpiring**

- Umpires will be provided by the Umpire-in-Chief.
- If an umpire is not present five minutes prior to the start time, the managers must agree upon a substitute umpire.

### **Section 7. Covid-19 Protocols**

- All Covid-19 Protocols as set forth on the Sunrise website must be followed, including mask wearing and social distancing in all areas, including the dugout.
- Handshakes at the end of the game are not permitted.

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