

RULE CHANGES / CLARIFICATIONS FOR 2011:

All bats must be either stamped or printed with “Official Little League”. **NO WOOD BATS!**
(ALL LEAGUES)

NO METAL CLEATS PERMITTED FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS. (ALL LEAGUES)

GAMES WILL BE HALTED FOR 30 MINUTES AFTER A VISIBLE LIGHTNING BOLT. IF ANOTHER LIGHTNING BOLT APPEARS WITHIN THAT 30 MINUTES, THE 30 MINUTE DELAY RE-STARTS. THREE (3) LIGHTNING BOLTS WITHIN A 1 HOUR TIME FRAME SUSPENDS / or ENDS THE GAME. (ALL LEAGUES)

Stoppage of play due to weather shall be at the discretion of the Home Plate Umpire and/or Board Member. **A COMPLETE GAME IS A MINIMUM OF 4 INNINGS, or 3 AND ½ INNINGS IF HOME TEAM IS WINNING, IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER AT THE DISCRETION OF HOME PLATE UMPIRE OR OF ANY BOARD MEMBER. ANY GAME STOPPED PRIOR TO THE MINIMUM WILL RESULT IN RE-SCHEDULED GAME – STARTING WHERE THE GAME ENDED, WITH THE EXCEPTION If one (1) complete inning is not played then the game will be played over, starting all over.** (ALL LEAGUES)

While during live pitching a player receives ball four (4), **THE UMPIRE WILL “SOFT TOSS” HOWEVER REMAINING STRIKES THE BATTER HAS LEFT. ANY SOFT TOSS THAT IS NOT SWUNG AT IS TO BE CALLED A STRIKE. THE UMPIRE HAS THE DISCRETION AT CALLING A “SOFT TOSS” A “NO PITCH” IF IT IS NOT HITTABLE.** (Example: four (4) balls and one (1) strike, the batter has the opportunity to hit the ball off the toss for two (2) more strikes.) (MINOR AND ROOKIE ONLY)

No intentional bunting / **OR HALF SWING (AT UMPIRES DISCRETION)** is permitted.
(MINOR AND ROOKIE ONLY)

MAJOR ONLY: **No chatter shall be allowed during the game. (i.e. “hey, batter-batter.. swing...”. In the event chatter occurs a warning shall be given, with the second occurrence resulting in a dead ball being called and the offending person being ejected from the game.**

MINORS AND ROOKIES ONLY: **The only chatter allowed shall be “hey, batter-batter”. In the event other chatter occurs a warning shall be given, with the second occurrence resulting in a dead ball being called and the offending person being ejected from the game.**

***No chants or yelling towards any defensive player are allowed with the intent of disrupting the play.**

