

# **BOW RIDGE LITTLE LEAGUE**



## **Minor 9-11 yr old Division Rules**

**2018**

## Revision History

Revision	Date	Comments
2008	April 1, 2008	Initial release
2010b	March 30, 2010	Spelling corrections. Removed pitch counts and referenced rules & regulations. Home teams to provide umpires.
2011	April 26, 2011	Added extra coach to bench, clarified stealing on over throw back to pitcher, winning team returns game score and pitch log to Coordinator. All amendments were unanimously voted on by the Minors coaches at start up meeting.
2014	April 15, 2014	Adjust rules for 9-12 years
2018	May 14, 2018	Minor rule changes (chin strap and auto out) Add Sportmanship and clarify rule for visits to the pitcher.



## **BOW RIDGE NATIONAL LEAGUE General, Rules and Regulations**

1. Unless otherwise directed, Little League Official playing rules are to be observed.
2. All players must wear a protective cup and have a CSA or NOCSAE-approved helmet.
3. All games are scheduled to commence at 6:30pm with the exception of the Sunday games (if applicable). No innings shall begin after 8:15pm. In the event of a tie, the game is recorded as a tie.
4. The Home team is responsible to supply two new game balls.
5. In the event of an umpire no show, the home team will supply the plate umpire and the visiting team will supply the base umpire.
6. One manager and up to two coaches are the only adults allowed in the bench area.
7. There will be no substitutions in the batting order. All players on the roster will bat in order and the batting order shall remain constant throughout the game.
8. Bunting is allowed.
9. On close plays at 2<sup>nd</sup> base, 3<sup>rd</sup> base and home plate, the runner must attempt to slide for reasons of safety. Contact between the runner and the defensive player should be avoided.
10. Defensive substitutions are allowed openly throughout the game and recommended at the end of each inning, with exception of pitches (see the following guideline #13).
11. A modified stealing rule will be used in the Minor division to keep the players engaged and to promote the development of the players.

**Stealing:** Stealing of 2nd, 3rd bases and home is allowed. Base runners may not take leads. Base runners are permitted to leave the base as the ball passes the plate. On a steal of 2nd or 3rd base, the runner is not allowed to advance to the next base on an overthrow (the ball is ruled dead and is returned to the pitcher). In the instance of a non batted ball where an over throw occurs back to the pitcher, the runner may attempt a steal to the next open base. These rules are designed to encourage runners to learn to steal, catchers to learn to throw out base stealers without fear of giving up an extra base with a bad throw and encourage proper throws back to the pitcher. A player may attempt to advance one base on a pick off attempt at his or her own risk.

12. Although Rule 1.01 stipulates that there should be two teams of nine players, teams will be allowed to play with eight players. If a team has only eight players, the ninth position in the batting order will not be an automatic out. If a team has less than eight players, the game will be forfeited. For purposes of playing the game and at the agreement by the Coaches, extra players may be used to balance out the offending team for an exhibition game.
13. The Little League Pitch Count Regulation Guide for pitchers must be followed. Please note all regulations from section VI will apply.  
(See website for full regulations)  

9 –10yr olds 75 Pitches per day  
11-12yr olds 85 Pitches per day
14. Please note that there will be no balks called against the pitchers.
15. A coach can visit the pitcher twice in an inning (but the third time the pitcher must be replaced) or three times in a game for that pitcher (but the fourth time the pitcher must be replaced)
16. If any team reaches a total of five runs in one inning, their at bat will end and the maximum runs counted in that inning will be five. There is no mercy rule nor is there an open last inning. The bottom of the 6 inning should be played out time permitting.
17. The infield fly rule is not observed; hence, the offensive player must make the catch before the batter is declared out.
18. The batter is declared out after the third strike even if the catcher misses the pitch. However, the play is still live for base runners, provided there are less than two outs.
19. The Winning team is responsible for reporting the game score and pitch counts to the Coordinator, except in the event of a tie the Home team is responsible.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

- a. Any umpire's decision which involves judgment, such as, but not limited to, whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or a ball, or whether a runner is safe or out, is final. No player, manager, coach, or substitute shall object to any such judgment decisions.
- b. Good sportsmanship is expected from all participants, coaches, players and spectators. No abuse of umpires, the other team, or officials will be tolerated. One warning, from the umpire, may be given, and ejection will result if there is a second offence. No warning is required to eject any individual. See Rule 4.07 for penalty for ejection.

**DISTRICT 3 AND BOW RIDGE HAS INSTITUTED A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY RELATING TO INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR BY COACHES, PLAYERS, AND FANS. MANDATORY SUSPENSIONS WILL BE HANDED OUT AS REQUIRED. DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED TO EACH TEAM AND A COPY OF THE POLICY WILL BE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT 3 WEBSITE.**