

SALT CITY 2011 A RULES

The A division in SCLL is non-competitive and developmental, designed to teach each player the basics fundamentals needed to play the game of baseball. An emphasis on **FUN** is a priority at this level. Scores will **NOT** be kept at this level. A scorebook can be used to track the batting order of each team. Players **WILL** be rotated at defensive positions so all players share the infield and outfield evenly.

BASE COACHES

Base coaches will consist of:

- Two adults (completed background checks required).
- Parents wishing to help will be welcome provided they have turned in completed background checks.

FIELDING

Ten players may play in the field (4 outfielders)

The player playing the pitchers position must be even with the pitching rubber with one foot in the grass and one foot on the dirt of the mound.

Infield fly rule is **NOT** in effect.

A coach will pitch the entire game.

No catcher will be used. A coach will stand off to the side and behind the batter to retrieve baseballs.

BATTING

All players will be inserted into a continuous batting lineup. Any player arriving after the start of the game will be placed at the end of the lineup. A team is not penalized if a player has to leave early.

A teams at bat will consist of three outs or five runs or once through the batting order, which ever occurs first.

PITCHING

A coach will pitch the entire game.

Balls and strikes will not be called. Each batter gets 5 to 7 swings to put the ball in play. At this point if a pitched ball has not been put in play, a tee will be used.

GAME

During the week players are expected to be at the field by 5:30 pm. No inning can start after 8:15 pm.

On weekends games are limited to a 2 hour time limit.

Only the soft baseball will be used.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Parents and coaches will complete and sign a Code of Conduct agreement with the league.

Sportsmanship is the name of the Game!!

Coaches Please remember the game is to teach the kids, **NOT** your win/loss record!!

STEALING/BASE RUNNING

NO stealing is allowed at this level.

On hits into the outfield, once the throw from the outfield reaches the infield skin, base runners must be held at the base they are going to. Players may not advance an extra base on overthrows regardless of where the throw ends up.

If a ball is being thrown in from the outfield, **DO NOT** wave the runner home that has not reached third base.

SAFETY

All players will stay in dugout unless playing in the field or hitting at the plate. No player is allowed in a "on deck" circle.

No player shall swing a bat other than at the plate.

No coach or player shall be in the field of play with any type of hard or soft cast.

BASEBALL BATS

The use of most composite bats is prohibited in Little League games. Lists of approved bats are listed on Little League International website. the

League bats allowed shall not be more than 33" in length, not more than 2 1/4" in diameter.

Baseball bats shall have a BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.15 or less.

PRACTICES

Before the start of the season teams will be allowed to Practice one (1) to three (3) times a week. During the season teams will be allowed to Practice one (1) time a week. Teams will be playing a minimum of two (2) games during a week.

Practices Shall not last more than two (2) hours per session.

Coaches will need to find and schedule their own fields. Please talk to other coaches to arrange field times at Salt City so everyone has equal time.

Coaches can find other baseball fields to practice on if desired.

Batting cage time - Coaches will need to sign out cage time when available. Check the concession stand for sign out sheet or check with League President for times available! Coaches will need to supply their own baseballs for the cage. Pitching machine will be available.

If you are the last coach to use the cage and equipment, Coaches are responsible to clean and put away the equipment and the cage area.