

St. Clair Little League  
7-8 Division Rules

1. It is the coach's responsibility to demonstrate, teach, and encourage sportsmanship throughout the season.
2. The home team should set up the L-screen before the first game and put it away after the last game.
3. Play four innings or 55 minutes. Clear the dugout immediately after the game to allow the next game to begin on time. Clean up all trash and equipment from dugout before you leave.
4. Play until 3 outs or batting once through the line-up.
5. **The batter is out after 3 swinging strikes or 6 pitches, whichever happens first. If the third strike or the 6<sup>th</sup> pitch is a foul ball, then the batter gets another pitch. There are no walks.**
6. Coaches pitch from behind an L- screen. This coach is also the umpire.
7. All players are allowed in the field. **Only 5 players are allowed in the infield—4 infielders and a pitcher.** The pitcher may play on either side of the L-screen. The pitcher must be behind the pitching mound. All other players must play outfield.
8. Coaches are encouraged to promote player development by allowing players opportunities to play a variety of positions throughout the season.
9. A ball that hits the L-screen is an automatic single. All runners advance one base.
10. Play and runner advancement must be stopped once the ball is in control in the infield. A runner already heading to a base may continue to that base.
11. Only one base is allowed on an overthrow.
12. Players should slide when there is a play at a base or at home plate. No head-first slides.
13. Bunting, leading off, stealing and advancing on passed balls is not allowed.
14. No infield fly rule.
15. No mercy rule.
16. Only batters are allowed to swing bats.
17. Please do not call the coach or the league about rain outs. Rain outs will be determined by coaches at the field at game time. Games should be stopped if lightning is sighted.