

St. Clair Little League
Minor League Division Rules

1. It is the coach's responsibility to demonstrate, teach, and encourage sportsmanship throughout the season.
2. Play four innings or 1 hour and 15 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.
3. The home team must provide an umpire. The umpire will stand behind the pitcher and call balls, strikes, and outs. The umpires will use a wide strike zone to encourage players to swing the bat.
4. Play until 3 outs or batting once through the line-up.
5. 10 players are allowed in the field. Fielders include 4 outfielders, 4 infielders, a catcher, and a pitcher.
6. Pitchers must be removed when they reach the following limits: 8 year olds—50 pitches, 9 and 10 year olds—75 pitches, 11 year olds—85 pitches. If the pitch limit is reached while pitching to a batter the pitcher may finish pitching to that batter before being removed.
7. The pitching rubber is 40 feet from home plate.
8. All players bat, even if they are sitting out an inning in the field. No player will sit out more than one inning in a game until all players have sat out one inning. Coaches are encouraged to promote player development by allowing players opportunities to play a variety of positions throughout the season.
9. Players should slide when there is a play at a base or at home plate. No head-first slides.
10. No infield fly rule.
11. No mercy rule.
12. Only batters are allowed to swing bats.
13. 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.