



Saginaw Little League – P.O. Box 6206, Saginaw, MI 48608

Senior Division Local Rules

Overview

The Major (Little League) division is a **competitive** division. The overall objective is to develop a player's core skills (hitting, fielding, throwing, base running and overall baseball knowledge) in a competitive environment. It is important that the players enjoy themselves and develop so that they continue to play in future years.

The division coordinator is Tom Connolly Sr., taconnolly@saginawll.com, please contact him with any questions or concerns.

I. General Rules

- 1) All players present for the game shall bat in order – continuous batting.
- 2) The **home team** is responsible for keeping the official score book via Game Changer.
- 3) Players may use bats conforming to either USA Baseball or BBCOR bat standards.
- 4) All judgement calls by umpires are final. Managers/coaches arguing with umpires shall be ejected by the umpire and serve an automatic 1-game suspension.
 - a) Rule decisions may be appealed before the next pitch. The appealing manager must have the rule book and rule ready when requesting time out.
 - b) Time out must be granted by an umpire and **both** managers and umpires shall confer together. The final determination shall be made by the umpires.
- 5) The home team playing the last game of the day shall rake the dirt surfaces, and putting all equipment away, including returning the league bats to the board member on duty.
- 6) The visiting team shall empty the dugout trash cans and sweep out the dugouts.
- 7) No new innings may begin after 2 hours has elapsed from the first pitch of the game.
 - a) The inning in progress shall be completed unless the home team is leading and the game is in the bottom half of the inning.
- 8) Throwing the bat shall result in the following penalties:
 - a) First offense: warning issued to the player and coach.
 - b) Second offense: player shall be called out; ball is immediately dead with runners returned to their starting position.
 - a) Third offense: player shall be removed from the game for safety; the vacated position in the lineup will result in an out each time it comes up for the remainder of the game.
 - i) Teams may not intentionally walk batters to reach an automatic third out.
 - ii) Removal of the player is **not** classified as an ejection and does not result in suspension or further disciplinary action.