

# Single A League Rules (2023)

Overview: Instructional program - coach and player pitch intended for 2nd grade players.

## Rules

The following are the Rules which govern Single A.

**PLAYING TIME/POSITIONS** - Each team player present should play at least three innings in the field during a complete six-inning game. All games will be six innings unless called on account of weather and/or darkness. A player shall not play more than 2 innings at the same position during a game.

**DUGOUTS/BENCH ASSIGNMENT** - The Home team will occupy the 1st base dugout or bench.

**GAME BALLS** - The Home team will supply 2 or 3 game balls.

**BATTING ORDER** - Continuous batting order that will include all players on the team roster present for the game batting in order," Single A teams will bat around the order so that all players bat. Late players shall be added to the end of the batting order.

**INNINGS** - A half inning shall consist of three outs or nine batters, whichever comes first. When the ninth batter hits the ball, the half inning is over when the batter is out by a defensive play or when the ball, which has been put into play, is thrown to any player who must be standing on the pitcher's mound. A runner may score if he is on his way from third to home and crosses the plate before the player on the mound catches the ball.

**BATTING TEE** - When a tee is used, an adult representing the team at bat will place the ball on the tee for each batter. The tee shall be placed in front of (not on) home plate. This allows for appropriate swing extension, batting instruction, insures the ball will not be hit until the defensive team is ready, and minimizes potential injury to the catcher.

**FAIR TERRITORY** - When using the tee, a batted ball must cross an imaginary line running in a semicircle from the third base line through the pitchers' mound to the first base line otherwise it is a foul ball and the batter hits again.

**BUNTING** - Bunting is not allowed in Single A.

**OVERTHROWS** - Only one base is allowed on an overthrow. There cannot be two consecutive overthrows.

**SCORING** - No score will be kept.

PITCHING – Coaches may pitch to the players or batting tees may be used. During the last half of the season players may pitch. All players who express an interest in pitching shall be allowed to pitch (a minimum of 10 pitches), regardless of ability.

SUBSTITUTE MANAGERS - In the event that a manager is not able to attend a scheduled practice and/or game, only his/her Board-approved coaches may substitute as manager. In the event that no Board-approved coach is available, the manager must coordinate with the League Director to arrange for a Board-approved coach to take over for that game and/or practice. It is ultimately the responsibility of the League Director to make his best effort to find approved coaches to cover games so that the players are not penalized by a game cancellation.

In no instance may the manager independently authorize a non-Board-approved coach to take over in his/her absence.

SCHEDULING/RAINOUTS/RESCHEDULING - The League Director makes the ultimate determination on the timing and location of rescheduled games. The game schedule stands and may not be altered at the discretion of individual managers. If a game is called or canceled due to bad weather, the manager must contact the League Director for the time and location of the makeup game. Individual managers may not schedule or reschedule makeup games at their own discretion.

Regularly scheduled games: Neither individual managers nor groups of managers may relocate or reschedule games at their own discretion.

A, AAA and Majors: In accordance with section 2.00: “a BUNT is a batted ball not swung at, but intentionally met with the bat and tapped slowly... Batters are not permitted to take a half-swing.” HOME RULE: At all Little League levels, the ‘slash bunt’ is forbidden. The ‘slash bunt’ is defined as a half or full swing or an attempt at a half or full swing after the player assumes a bunting stance (either squaring or pivoting). If at anytime while in the batter’s box the batter squares or pivots as if to bunt, he either must bunt or attempt to bunt the ball or let the pitch go. A drag bunt is acceptable. The umpire MUST call the batter out if in his judgment the batter was attempting a slash bunt.

At all Little League Levels: In accordance with section 1.08 NOTE 1: “The on-deck position is not permitted...”

**AT ALL FIELDS, THERE IS NO ON DECK SWINGING. THE UMPIRE WILL ASSESS A WARNING ON THE FIRST OFFENSE TO BOTH BENCHES (ONE WARNING PER GAME, NOT PER TEAM) AND WILL ASSESS AN OUT TO ANY TEAM WHOSE PLAYER IS SWINGING A BAT WHILE NOT AT THE PLATE ON ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS.**