



## Seneca Falls Community Little League, Inc.

P.O. Box 216  Seneca Falls, New York 13148

### 2018 Minor Baseball Local Rules

1. All play not covered by these local rules will be governed by the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules.
2. Once the ball is in possession of the pitcher at the pitcher's rubber, runners cannot advance to the next base.
3. Base coaches should support the umpires with close calls and uphold the spirit of the minor leagues; which is to teach 8, 9, and 10 year olds the game of baseball.
4. The spirit of the game should be upheld and good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times. If a team is winning by 15 runs, they can't send runners home from third base on a passed ball.
5. A rotation of substitutes should be employed. A player should not play every single inning of every single game. Each player should sit out a few innings throughout the course of a season.
6. A continuous batting order will be utilized.
7. If a player arrives after the start of the game they will be inserted into the bottom of the lineup without penalty.
8. The manager is responsible for the sportsmanship of the parents in the stands. Good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times on and off the field.
9. If a base runner is stealing a base they will only be allowed to advance one base on an overthrow. There is no delayed stealing.
10. No inning should start after 8:00 on a school night, or after 10:00 on a non-school night. Once an inning is started, it should be completed.
11. If a game is tied after 6 full innings of play, it is recorded as a tie. All ties will be worth 1 point in the standings and all wins will be worth 2 points in the standings.
12. Each team can only score 5 runs per inning, except for the last inning where it is unlimited. There is a 10 run mercy rule.
13. Four innings must be completed in order for the game to be considered official. If the home team is up by 10 runs and the visiting team has batted in the top of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, the game should be called as a mercy win. If both coaches agree and time permits they may finish the game without keeping score.
14. The pitching machine will be used for the first 3 innings of each game and will be set between 40 and 42 MPH. Managers may NOT agree to use it more for a particular game. The person playing the pitcher position must stand even with the rubber, with one foot on the dirt, and on the side opposite the wheel.
15. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in a game that pitcher will be removed.
16. The manager is responsible for the orderly maintenance of the dugout and sweeping out the dugout at the end of the game.
17. The manager is responsible for creating and distributing a line-up to the press box and opposing manger.
18. The home team manager is responsible for the following:
  - a. removing and storing of the tarps before the game
  - b. raking the field
  - c. lining the field
  - d. setting up the pitching machine
  - e. providing 2 new balls (located in the press box)
  - f. replacing tarps on the field if you are the last game of the night
  - g. ensuring that everything is turned off and cleaned up in the press box locking of the press box, if you are the last game of the night