

# Saugerties Little League – League Rules

The Little League Rule Book Shall Be Used To Answer All Questions Not Specifically Covered in these Rules.

1. The Baseball Major League shall consist of 9 teams of 12 players each.
2. Baseball Minors and Softball Minors shall consist of a number of teams to accommodate players not drafted to the Majors.
3. The Challenger League shall consist of 2 teams.
4. The Softball Major League shall consist of 4 teams of 12 players each.
5. Softball Seniors shall consist of 4 teams of 12-15 players each.
6. T-Ball, Grasshoppers and Crickets shall consist of the appropriate number of players to accommodate players.
7. The “Draft” system shall be: Championship team from previous year will draft last.
  - a. Major & Senior League Teams – Reverse order of regular season finish – irrespective of playoff finish
  - b. Minor Leagues – Managers draw lots for position of draft
8. The “Draft” system shall be used for selection of all team rosters.
9. Players not selected for Major League teams shall go into the player pool and be available to any Minor manager selected.
10. During the draft, a Major League Manager shall have an option through the third draft round to select the brother or sister of a player on his or her team or coach’s child. Brother or sister for the purpose of this rule is defined to include any child living in the same household. The option for a manager’s child shall last throughout the entire draft (ie. he or she may select him or her as his last pick, no matter what round). Teams requiring 7 or more players shall have a supplemental pick at the completion of the fourth round. This extra pick will not be given to the manager if the reason that he or she is required to draft 7 or more players is that he or she lost a player for a draft pick. Refer to Rule 23 for further instructions.
11. Any child brought up to a Major League team after mid-season must be league age 11.
12. Home team shall occupy first base dugout for all league games.
13. Every team player must play at least two innings for all regular season and post-season playoff games. Two innings shall specifically be defined as 12 consecutive outs. Exceptions to this rule will be for injury or illness only. All children, therefore, must have been added to the lineup by the top of the fifth inning. An official game of less than six (6) innings could cause some children to play less than the required two (2) innings, and not bat. A complete game of 5-1/2 innings is not a justifiable reason for a child not batting. Violation of this rule shall be grounds for protest. If a protest is upheld by a Protest Committee, LL Rule #IV i.. Will govern violation of this rule.
14. All regularly scheduled weeknight games shall begin at 6PM.
15. The SLL Board will select the manager and coaches for all All-Star teams based on the recommendation of each League Coordinator.
16. All Star player selection for all **Softball Divisions** shall be done on the basis of recommendations by the individual team managers and coaches with voting of the team to be done at a meeting of the managers and coaches - including the All-Star manager - and presided over by the League Coordinator. Voting will be top 12 players with ties for the 12<sup>th</sup> position to be decided by the All-Star manager. Any disputes that are not resolved by this meeting are referred to the board of Directors for a final decision. There is no requirement to have one member from each league team on the All-Star team. Once selected to the All-Star team, a player cannot miss an All-Star game. Missing a game will cause the player to be dropped from the All-Star team. Any exceptions to this rule will be decided by the President and/or Board of Directors. For the Girls 9-10 team, a qualifying event for missing a game will be accepted at the manager’s discretion.
17. All Star player selection for the **Baseball Majors Division** shall be done on the basis of recommendations by the individual team managers. Nominations and voting of the team shall be done at a meeting of the managers only - including the All-Star team manager if he is not a league manager - and presided over by the League Coordinator and President. Voting will be tabulated by the President & Player Agent. The Top 9 players receiving votes will be taken with the remaining roster being filled in by the All-Star team manager. If ties exist for the 9th position, each of those players will automatically be selected up to 12 roster positions. The manager may only select those players who were previously nominated on the original ballot. The All-Star

manager will select the player for any ties thereafter. There is no requirement to have one member from each league team on the All-Star team. Once selected to the All-Star team, a player cannot miss an All-Star game. Missing a game will cause the player to be dropped from the All-Star team. Any exceptions to this rule will be decided by the President and/or Board of Directors. For both Girls and Boys 9-10 teams, a qualifying event for missing a game will be accepted at the manager's discretion.

18. Major League managers and coaches will be selected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors from a list of names submitted by the League Coordinators. First preference will be given to those with previous coaching experience in our league over those with no prior experience. Prospective managers who have 12 or 16 year old children will only be considered if there are no other suitable or available candidates.
19. The individual League Coordinators shall determine the most feasible schedule for the season as well as the divisional groupings or halves (if necessary) to decide who will participate in the playoffs. These schedules and playoff rulings must be done with the approval of the majority of league managers. They must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors before regular season play. In the event of ties existing at the end of the season or halves, head-to-head records will determine the winner. Home team status will be determined by a coin flip conducted by the Home Plate Umpire prior to the game. The site, date and time will be the responsibility of the League Coordinator. The Champion will be determined by a three game playoff series. Home team status and site, time, etc. will be determined in accordance with the procedures outline above with the following exceptions.
  - a. The winner of the coin flip will have the choice of being either home or visiting team for the first and third games. The loser of the flip will have the choice in the second game.
  - b. An attempt will be made to place the three game scheduled within two calendar weeks – but if weather situation dictates, all games might have to played within one calendar week. This decision will be made by the League Coordinator.
20. In the playoffs, any protest must be submitted in writing to the League President within 24 hours of the game. He or she will in turn convene the Protest Committee meeting prior to the start of the next scheduled game to rule on the protest. If the game in question is the last game in a series, no new series may start until the Protest Committee makes a ruling.
21. The home team manager will have the final word on postponing games due to rain, after discussing the matter with the visiting manager. Once a game is in progress, the Home Plate Umpire decides whether a game will continue to conclusion.
22. Home Plate Umpire shall decide if a pitchers' glove is acceptable for use.
23. A player picked on option and later returned to the Minor League, for whatever reason, may not be picked on an option in a later year.
24. Every Major League team must have two active coaches who are committed to attending all games. If a coach is determined by the Board of Directors to have violated this rule, when a coaches' option was used, that team shall lose its first round draft pick the following season.
25. A Major League player may not change teams except when his or her parent becomes the manager of another Major League team. In this case, a first round draft pick shall be given to the team losing that player. A child who does not return to his/her Major League team must spend one season in the Minors before they may try out again for a Major League team.
26. In all Minor League games, players shall bat in one consecutive order per team for all the players who show up for a game.
27. All Softball teams must have a WOMAN in attendance for all games and practices.
28. Team managers and coaches must be 18 years of age.
29. Protested games must be made up within one week or the League Coordinator will schedule the make-up game.
30. In Major & Senior leagues, games postponed will automatically be rescheduled on the next available opening in the schedule. Games not played in accordance with this rule will be automatic forfeits or double forfeits. Exceptions may be granted by the President or by vote of the Board of Directors.
31. Children enrolled prior to the Draft who are designated "Minors Only" shall remain in the Minors for that entire season.
32. In Senior Softball, candidates must make one tryout session to be eligible for draft selection. Other candidates are eligible after the draft should an opening exist.

33. Any forfeited games will count as a loss in the current years' standings, but as a win in the following year's draft.
34. In Major Baseball and Softball, candidates must make at least one tryout session to be selected to the Majors or present an acceptable excuse to the League President prior to the draft.
35. Teams having 9 players (or 8 in the Minors) and a manger OR coach present shall not reschedule games.
36. League games will have priority over All-Star practices in competition for lighted fields.
37. Team Managers will drop a player, with the approval of the League President, who has missed three games or 1/3 of a seasons' games, and/or practices, without an acceptable excuse.
38. Openings in Senior Softball during the first half of the season MUST be filled from the available waiting list.
39. Umpire payments shall be as follows:
  - a. Baseball & Softball Majors & Seniors Softball: \$18 Plate / \$12 Bases
  - b. Baseball & Softball Minors: \$12 Plate / \$8 Bases
40. League Coordinators will schedule team to have workers in the Concession Stand. Games will not start if team workers are not in the Concession Stand.
41. All League managers and coaches must be approved yearly before the draft. No options will be allowed for coaches not approved prior to the tryouts. Proper applications must be completed for manager or coach consideration.
42. Any manager, coach, player or spectator ejected from a game will be suspended for the remainder of that game plus the next game. A 2<sup>nd</sup> ejection will require an appearance before the Board of Directors.
43. While participating in a Little League function, or before or after a game, no Little League players are to ride in an open vehicle or back of a pick up truck in uniform.
44. Permission must be obtained from the Board of Directors before any player may appear in uniform at any function or parade representing the Saugerties Little League.
45. All Major Baseball, Softball and leagues will have a 15 run mercy rule. This rule will be called after an official game. Senior Softball league will have a 10 run mercy rule.
46. 12 Year Olds may not re-enter the draft in Majors divisions.
47. For purposes of the boys pitching rule and the player needing a game's rest, if a team must forfeit, it will count as a game and qualify as the required rest.