



Upper Providence Little League  
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## 2007 Quick Start Internal Rules

- Home team is responsible for setting out bases and lining the fields. Visiting team is responsible for raking the field and putting away bases and equipment after the game. Both teams are responsible for emptying trash containers and general clean-up of their dug-out area.
- Each child will play a minimum of 2 innings defensively and players will bat in a Round Robin format.
- Game length will be six (6) innings or 2 hours.
- Any runner leaving the base before the pitched ball passes home plate will be given a warning by the umpire on the first infraction. The umpire will immediately inform the coaches. Upon the second infraction by either team the runner will be called out.
- After the first thrown bat by either team, the umpire will stop the game (after completion of the play) and warn the player and both team managers that the next infraction by either team will result in an automatic out (after completion of the play).
- Any pitcher hitting three (3) batters in a game in Major, Minor or Midget Baseball/Softball will be removed from pitching. He/she will be issued a warning after the second hit batter.
- Managers or coaches cannot warm up a pitcher at home plate, in the bullpen, or elsewhere at any time.
- If the catcher is a base runner when the second out occurs, the player who made the second out may pinch run for the catcher. This allows the catcher to put on his/her equipment and be ready for the next inning.
- Any player removed for a substitute may re-enter the game at any time. As per LL rules, a pitcher may not re-enter as a pitcher in baseball only (girls softball the pitcher can re-enter as long as she is still in the game.)
- All managers and coaches will be strongly encouraged to participate in umpiring two games within their respective division, or any other division that they choose.
- Every effort will be made to ensure that umpires are scheduled for each game; however in the event umpires are not available it is the home team's responsibility to supply the umpire for the game.
- Rules are current as of 3/24/07. Updates may be made periodically by the Rules Committee.
- Refer to UPLL website <[www.up-littleleague.org](http://www.up-littleleague.org)> for the current, complete version of the UPLL Internal Rule Book.
- **UPLL will follow and uphold all rules in full accordance with Little League unless otherwise noted and contained in the UPLL Internal Rule Book.**

### Highlights for **Minor SB**

- **Pitching** – An 8 or 9 year-old or several 8 or 9 year-olds must pitch at least 1 full inning per game. **Coach Pitch** - If the pitcher throws ball 4, no walk will be issued, instead a coach will come in and pitch. The ball is “live” until it is returned from the catcher to the pitcher in the circle. The coach may then enter the field of play. Once Coach Pitch takes effect, there will be no stealing during the remainder of that at-bat. The pitcher may line up defensively on either side of the coach, behind the pitching rubber and with both feet on or inside the circle. The coach will pitch from the rubber. A meeting will take place on May 5th to determine if this rule will remain in effect throughout the remainder of the season. The Play-Offs will be played with whatever pitching rule is in effect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season.
- **Runs per Inning** – 5 run maximum per inning except that the last announced inning is unlimited runs.
- **Infield Fly** – in effect.
- **Base Stealing** – No stealing of second base. After the runner has earned 2<sup>nd</sup> base she can attempt to steal 3<sup>rd</sup> base. The catcher must throw the ball and attempt to get the runner out. On the steal attempt, if there is a passed ball, the runner must stay at third base and cannot advancement to home on the overthrow. Stealing of home plate will take effect on May 7<sup>th</sup>. After the runner has earned 3<sup>rd</sup> base and the pitcher takes the mound for the next pitch, the runner can attempt to steal home. If there is a runner on 1<sup>st</sup> base they may not advance to 2<sup>nd</sup> on the play at the plate or passed ball. No leads allowed in LL softball.
- **Batting** – bunting is permitted.
- **Umpires** – Each game will have a pre-assigned umpire from another Minor SB team. Home team supplies umpire if no one is pre-assigned. It is acceptable to umpire from a spot located behind the pitcher and slightly toward the 1<sup>st</sup> base side. Umpiring from this position will not require the mask, chest protector and shin guards that are used when behind the plate.
- **Farm System** – The purpose of the farm team system is to allow Midget League 8 year-old SB players to be called up to a Minor League game as needed, and to gain experience at the higher level of play. An 8 year-old is not allowed to pitch in the Minor SB division, unless they have earned a roster spot .
- **Play-Offs** – At the end of the regular season, an internal double elimination tournament will be held to determine the division champion. Team play-off positions will be placed into the appropriate bracket position in accordance with the final results of a lottery draw. If there are an uneven number of teams, then a bye will be awarded by lottery draw.