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1	Batting/Fielding - A hit ball is considered foul unless it travels 10 ft in fair territory.	X										
2	Batting/Fielding – Managers/Assistant/League Approved Adult pitch to batters from a knelt position 10ft from home plate, behind protective screen. The batter gets 6 pitches. After 6 pitches, the batter will hit from a tee. Base running outs will count starting May 8, 2017. Add waiver for all managers and assistants to sign to release the Ankeny Little League of any liability if injury occurs from not using screen.		X									
3	Batting/Fielding – Managers pitch to batters from knelt position from front of the mound. Batter gets 6 pitches. After six pitches without hitting the ball, the batter is out by strikeout. Base running outs count the entire season.			X								
4	Batting/Fielding – Batters will receive a maximum of 4 pitches from kid pitchers and up to 4 pitches from the coach. The coach at the mound is expected to call strikes from the kid pitcher. Batters will lose one coach pitch throw for each called kid pitch strike. Batters will not lose any coach pitches for swinging strikes. The goal is to get the kids swinging at kid pitches. After up to four coach pitches without hitting the ball, the batter is out by strikeout. Base running outs count the entire season. Maximum 12 batters faced per pitcher. 12 batters would be 48 pitches.				X							
5	Batting/Fielding – If a batter is hit by a kid pitcher, it is a dead ball and the batter will take the base.				X							
6	Batting/Fielding – No bunting.		X	X	X							
7	Batting/Fielding – Runners can advance until the pitcher has the ball in the 15 ft diameter circle around the mound.	X										
8*	Batting/Fielding –All players bat and play the field, with 6 infielders and the rest outfield.	X	X	X	X							
9	Batting team coach to call balls and strikes during the game.			X	X							
10	Coaches on the field will call the outs at the bases.		X	X	X							
11	Batting/Fielding – No batting practice from home plate on the field before games, please utilize the batting cages.					X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12	Batting/Fielding– Players bat round robin. A player cannot sit more than 2 innings in a game. Managers can use free substitutions throughout the game.					X	X	X	X	X	X	X
13	Batting/Fielding – Runners are able to steal home beginning May 8, 2017.					X						
14	Batting/Fielding – League will apply drop third strike rule after May 8, 2017. Batter is out when he/she leaves the dirt circle.							X				
15*	On Dropped 3rd Strike batter is out when he/she leaves the dirt circle.							X	X	X	X	X

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16*	Batting Cages – Teams may use one cage of the batting cages at any practice time in order to allow others to practice on the other side.					X	X	X	X	X	X	X
17	Cancelled/Reschedule Games – Manager may not cancel or reschedule any game without permission from their League Administrator. Any game canceled or rescheduled without permission will be considered a forfeit. Contact the league administrator to set the schedule.					X	X	X	X	X	X	X
18	Rescheduling Games – The league administrator will reschedule canceled games on the first available Friday or Sunday of the same week of the cancellation if possible. The goal is to get the game made up as soon as possible after the cancellation so that the season doesn't conflict with other tournaments.					X	X	X	X	X		
19	Rescheduling Games – The league administrator will reschedule canceled games on the first available date of the same week of the cancellation if possible. Due to regular games scheduled on Fridays for these ages, Sunday may be the next available. The goal is to get the game made up as soon as possible after the cancellation so that the season doesn't conflict with other tournaments.										X	X
20	Rain Outs – Rain outs may or may not be rescheduled (many of the lower ages don't reschedule). Any managers wishing to reschedule a game should work with their league administrator.	X	X	X	X							
21*	Coaching – Base coaches can be 1 adult and 1 player. If player is coaching the base, a helmet must be worn.										X	X
22*	Coaching – Base coaches must be managers or coaches.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
23*	Dugouts – Maximum of 3 adults in the dugout at all times. Players must be in the dugout behind the fence.					X	X	X	X	X	X	X
24*	Dugouts – Maximum of 4 adults in the dugout at all times. Players must be in the dugout behind the fence	X	X	X	X							
25	Home Team – Home team occupies the 3 rd base dugout.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
26	Visitor Team – Visitor team occupies the 1 st base dugout.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
27*	Home Team – Home team responsible for base umpire.		X	X	X							
28	Innings - Consist of 3 outs or 8 runs, whichever comes first		X	X	X							
29	Innings – Maximum 5 innings per game.				X							
30*	Innings - Consist of 3 outs or 5 runs, whichever comes first					X						

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50	Time Limit-1 hour & 15 min time limit – no new innings starting after time limit.			X								
51*	Monday-Friday: Time Limit- 1 ½ hour time limit – no new innings starting after time limit. There are no hard stops				X							
52*	Saturdays: Time limit will be 1 hour and 15 min. – no new innings starting after time limit. There are no hard stops				X							
53*	Monday – Friday: No new inning after 2 hours for non-double headers. There are no hard stops.					X	X	X	X	X	X	X
54*	Saturdays: No new inning after 1 hour and 45 mins There are no hard stops.					X	X	X	X	X	X	X
55*	On week nights with double header games scheduled for a field: Game 1 - 5:30pm Scheduled start: no new inning after 1hr 35 mins; hard stop at 7:30pm Game 2 - Must start by 8pm. No new inning after 1 hr 35 mins; hard stop at 10:00pm (Little League International Rule). Ties may be completed at a later date.					X	X	X	X	X	X	X
56*	Pool Players cannot Pitch or Catch in a game they are a pool player. Pool Players will be placed last in the batting line-up at the beginning of the game.					X	X	X	X	X	X	X
57	Pitchers are not to pitch more than 35 pitches per scrimmage/practice game. The threshold can be passed only when finishing a batter.				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
58	Pitcher exposed undershirt (LL rule 1.11(a3) – Restricts white and gray undershirts from being exposed by the pitcher. If a neoprene sleeve is worn, it must be covered by an undershirt.				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Other General Rules of Conduct:

1. Managers and coaches must remember that they are setting an example for all players.
2. Absolutely NO profanity will be allowed by players, managers, coaches or parents. Use of profanity may result in an ejection for any player, manager, coach or fan. Ejections may be done by any umpire or Officer of the Day.
3. There is no tobacco allowed at the Ankeny Little League complex.
4. Managers are responsible for their team's behavior while they are on the playing field.
5. Managers must keep players in the dugout during the game when the player is not participating, unless the player has left the game.
6. Each manager will control the conversation of his or her players toward the other team in a sportsman like manner. No derogatory chanting, etc. will be allowed. No direct gesturing (ex. clapping on the bases) intended to distract the pitcher will be tolerated.
7. Managers will not leave the dugout at any time without calling for and receiving time-out from an umpire.
8. Managers will not allow any player to question an umpire's decision or judgment.
9. The manager will always approach the umpire in a sportsman like manner.
10. Any umpire's decision which involves judgment is final. No player, manager or coach shall object to a judgment decision. The manager should bring umpiring complaints to the Head Umpire AFTER the game. A complaint form must be completed.
11. If there is a reasonable doubt that any umpire's decision may be in conflict with the rules, the manager may appeal the decision and ask that a correct ruling be made. The appeal shall be made only to the umpire who made the protested decision. The game may be protested, if the manager does not agree with the umpire's interpretation of the rule, in the normal protest sequence, as in the Little League Rule Book.
12. The manager will cooperate with the umpires in an effort to control the conduct of the fans of family members and/or friends of their player's team.

NOTE: Any umpire may eject players in violation of these rules. Any umpire or any Office of the Day may eject a manager or coach or fan, potentially on recommendation from other Board member, in violation of these rules.