Federal League Rules

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- A game is 1hr:30min drop dead or 5 innings. No new inning will start after 1hr:15min. On a drop dead: when the time expires, the game ends, and the score reverts to the last completed inning if the visitor team is ahead. If the home team is ahead, they win.
 - Weeknight games have a 1hr:15min drop-dead time until May 15. Please play the full 1:15 to allow development of players
- All Coaches must abide by Little League pitch count restrictions outlined in "<u>Regulation VI Pitchers</u>" to
 protect the players. In addition, no player shall pitch more than **two** innings in a game prior to Memorial
 Day. The limit is **three** innings until the season-ending tournament begins. Then Little League pitch
 count rules will apply.
- Prior to memorial day, coaches will pitch after ball 4. The strike count will continue. No stealing bases on a dropped ball during coach pitch.
- 8 warm-up pitches for a new pitcher coming into the middle of an inning.
- Stealing of 2nd and 3rd is allowed. However, runners may not leave the base before the ball reaches
 the plate, NO delayed stealing. Stealing occurs on the pitch and only after the ball crosses home plate.
 Rule 7.13. The umpires are instructed to call the runners back if the runner leaves the base early. NO advancing on an overthrow during steals.
- Home plate is closed in **ALL** stealing circumstances. No runner make take home plate even if a play is attempted on a base runner taking a lead-off after a pitch.
- Only 1st base can be taken by batter on dropped ball 4 unless the catcher makes a play on other base-runners.
- Runners may only advance 1 base on an overthrow.
- A maximum of 5 runs can be scored per half inning. Any natural 3 outs will end the inning. Run limit for regular season only, special rules may apply post-season
- No swinging of bats inside fence between innings.
- All players are to be in the batting lineup with free substitution in the field. No player shall sit for a second inning defensively until all other players have sat out an inning unless it is for disciplinary reasons.
- Rules QR code:

