

# Cedar Mill Little League

## Single A Rules Last Revised: March 2016

Single A is intended to be a skill-building, team building, and learning experience. More traditional baseball rules are introduced in this level. The score is not the focus of the game. If every player stays safe, improves skills, and has fun, then everybody wins.

1. Coaches pitch to their own team.
2. The batter is out after five strikes. There are no bases on balls.
3. Inning is over after three outs are made or four runs are scored.
4. No runners can advance on overthrows.
5. Runners can advance more than one base on a batted ball into the outfield, but must stop when the ball enters the infield.
6. Double plays count – runners must tag up on fly balls.
7. No steals. No Sliding.
8. Defensive players play traditional positions. One player will play the pitcher position but needs to stay behind and to the side of the coach/pitcher. The entire roster may play on defense at the same time. If more than nine players, use extra players in the outfield.
9. Infielders (besides the pitcher) should be positioned no more than 3 feet in front of the bases. The pitcher should be positioned no more forward than the front of the mound or approximately 6 feet in front of the pitching rubber.
10. Outfielders should line up minimally behind the base lines. For safeties sake, please coach them to not stand in the baseline or directly on the bases, interfering with the runners.
11. Coaches may be in the outfield coaching players on defense.
12. Offensive team's base coaches will umpire each inning.
13. Game length is six innings or time limit.
14. Home team occupies the third base line dugout, visitor's first base line.
15. Chanting: Please keep it to a minimum. While the game is certainly to be enjoyed, please refrain your team from any non-sportsmanlike chants on the bench or from the field. The opposing kids are distracted enough, and it is our job to keep them as focused as possible.
16. Coaches: Please keep the "over-enthusiastic/competitive" parent or assistant coach at bay. As noted above, Single A (and Little League in general) is intended to be a skill building, team building, and learning experience. There is no need for the overzealous adult to take away from the kids' experience!

**Pitching:** A coach (adult only) throws the ball to the batter (aiming at where the batter just swung). Coach/pitchers will sit on a bucket approximately 30' feet from home plate to put the pitcher at the same level as the batter. Keep the flight of the ball low. Pitchers will use a bucket of balls. If the catcher misses the ball, let it go and use a new ball from the bucket. It is advised that the batting team have a coach at the backstop with a bucket to pick up balls that get by the catcher. In order for each kid to get the maximum playing time it is imperative to keep the game moving.