

LACONIA LITTLE LEAGUE – SQUIRT RULES

EFFECTIVE WITH 2019 SEASON

1. The first game starts at **6:00 p.m.** sharp.
2. A game will be 1 ¼ hours in length. If an inning is started, it must be completed.
3. Only little league bats and balls will be used. LLL will provide bats and balls. Bats are subject to inspection. LLL encourages the use of bats provided by LLL. Home team provides game ball.
4. Metal cleats are prohibited. Shoes can have rubber cleats.
5. Batters and runners must wear helmets.
6. All players must wear team shirts, and long pants or baseball pants are recommended. Hats are recommended but not required.
7. Free substitution. Everyone bats.
8. An inning is over when the entire line-up bats. All players will play defense and rotating your players in the field is encouraged.
9. No stealing and No infield fly rule.
10. Coach or assistant coach will pitch to their own team. Squirts are allowed 3 swinging strikes before a tee is brought out.
11. An adult will be responsible for being the catcher.
12. A Reduced Injury Factor ball will be used for all games. Home team provides the game ball.
13. Runners may not advance to another base in the event of an overthrow.
14. On a ball hit to the outfield, runners can advance until the ball is touched. Once an outfielder touches the ball, the play ends. If a runner is on their way to a base they may continue to that base.
15. Throwing a bat is not allowed. If a player throws the bat, they are automatically out.
16. For safety concerns, the players on defense must start in a position behind an imaginary line which extends from first base over the pitchers mound to third base. After the ball is hit, the players can advance to complete the play.
17. No blocking of home plate is allowed unless the catcher is making a play on the runner. The penalty for sitting on or blocking the plate will be: First offense a warning and the second offense results in the catcher being removed from the catcher's position for the rest of the game.
18. If lightening is seen, game is suspended for a half hour per coach's discretion. This follows WIAA policy. If lightening is seen again, then the half hour time frame starts over. Coaches can elect to reschedule a game instead of waiting for the half hour mandate.