

LACONIA LITTLE LEAGUE – SQUIRT RULES

EFFECTIVE WITH **2022** SEASON

1. The first game starts at **6:00 p.m.** sharp.
2. A game will be approximately 45 minutes or 3 innings in length. If an inning is started, it must be completed.
3. Only USA approved bats will be used. LLL will provide bats and balls. Bats are subject to inspection. 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 are encouraged to wear long pants or baseball pants.
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.
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. First violation results in a warning, after that the batter is called 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 pitcher's 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.