

**EAST BRAINTREE LITTLE LEAGUE**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL RULES\***

**GAME LENGTH:**

Games should not exceed 3 innings or one hour and thirty minutes, whichever occurs first.

**BATTING:**

A **Continuous Batting Order** shall be used, with all players on the game roster having the opportunity to bat each inning.

There is **no on-deck** position. The next batter should be ready with a batting helmet, but may not swing a bat.

When the last batter of the inning comes to the plate, where a team is about to bat through the order, the coach of the team at bat will inform the team in the field that this batter will complete the order.

A Coach/Assistant Coach shall pitch to his team's batters.

Bunting is not allowed.

Slashing (i.e. squaring off to bunt, then recoiling to take a full swing) is not allowed.

Throwing the bat is not allowed and batters shall be coached and advised.

**BASERUNNERS:**

A player who is tagged or forced out at a base shall return to the bench.

Leading is not allowed.

There is no stealing or advancing on a passed ball or wild pitch.

Base runners should be coached to slide into any base, other than first base, when there is a play being made at the base. **There is no head first sliding.** The runner(s) may not collide with the fielder(s) in an attempt to dislodge the ball. Catchers may not block home plate so as to prevent the runner from touching the plate.

### **NUMBER OF DEFENSIVE PLAYERS:**

Each team may play up to ten (10) in the field. Coaches may assist players with positioning and remain on the field during play.

### **THE PITCHER**

Coach pitch shall be used.

The final two (2) weeks of the season, coaches may allow players to pitch from the mound. The **pitching distance** shall be approximately four **4 feet** in front of the normal pitching rubber. Coaches shall interpret the pitching distance liberally so as to allow younger pitchers to reach the plate.

\*These Rules shall supplement, and in some instances, modify the Little League Rules as defined in the Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules (õRules Bookö). These Rules shall be used in conjunction with the Little League Rules. If any part of these Rules is, for any reason, held to be in excess of the authority of the League, such decision will not affect any other part of these Rules. All Managers, Coaches and Umpires should familiarize themselves with these Rules, as well as the Rules Book.