

Manchester Athletic Association Home Game Rules  
BOYS MINOR  
Age 9 & 10  
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**GAME LENGTH:** 90 minutes or a minimum of 4 full innings. No new inning will start after 75 minutes. Full completion of the last inning should occur, meaning the home team should get its last at-bat.

**10-RUN RULE:** If a team has a 15 run lead after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning or a 10 run lead after 5<sup>th</sup> inning.

**BALL:** Approved Little League ball, pitching mound at 40'.

**UMPIRE:** Umpire is required. If no umpire is available, coaches may choose a mutually agreeable substitute umpire for the game or until the umpire arrives. Spare umpire equipment available in the equipment closet. If no substitute selected, game should be rescheduled.

**BASES:** 60 foot regular bases. Place covers in the holes when finished.

**BATTERS:** Bat normal 10 player lineup each inning or until fielding team makes 3 outs. Helmets with face mask to be worn by base runners, batter, and player in the on-deck circle.

**EQUIPMENT:** All equipment must be in the dugout at all times. Play will not start or continue if equipment is not stored in dugout. Catcher must wear pads and helmet. No metal cleats, only plastic.

**FIELDERS:** A minimum of 8 players required to start a game. 9 fielders are standard. Every player should play at least 2 innings in a full length game. If 10-run-rule or time limit invoked, it is understandable this may not occur. We are promoting a positive atmosphere in teaching the game. Kids need to play to learn the game.

**COACHES:** Hitting team may provide coaches at first and third base in specified boxes. All coaches should wear the team color uniform shirt that is provided. This will help identify the coach as a person in charge and represent our association in proper attire.

**STEALING:** Ball must cross the plate before runners can leave the base to steal. No lead offs. Runner must return to base before pitcher places foot on pitching rubber. You may steal home. Batters should be instructed to leave the batters box to avoid interference at home plate.

**SLIDING:** All runners required to slide at home. If a runner does not slide, that runner may be called out, only if there is a legitimate play at home plate, specifically if there is a tag or force play between the fielder and the runner.

**RAIN RULES:** All rainouts will be rescheduled on Friday evenings or on a week day if field permitted.

For severe weather, 30 second or less "flash-bang" count suspends play, 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning you may resume play. If the game cannot be started or resumed within the 90 minute time limit, reschedule the game.

