

2008 Little League Baseball Tournament Rule Differences

| Divisions | 9 & 10 Baseball | 11 Year Old Baseball | Little League Baseball | Junior League Baseball | Senior League Baseball | Big League Baseball |
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| Eligibility (League Age) | 9/10 yrs old Major or Minor Divisions | 10/11 yrs old Major or Minor Divisions | 11 or 12 years old Major Division Only | 12, 13, or 14 years old Junior or Senior Divisions | 14, 15, or 16 years old Junior, Senior, or Big League | 16, 17, or 18 years old Senior, or Big League |
| Roster Size | Maximum Team Roster 14 players. | | | | Max. 16 Players | Max. 17 Players |
| | Total 13 players or more at start of the game. 1 Manager and 2 Coaches | | | | | |
| | Total 12 players or less at start of the game. 1 Manager and 1 Coach | | | | | |
| Mandatory Play Requirements Penalty | MUST complete one time at bat, AND play three (3) consecutive defensive outs during the game: (may be protested) unless game is shortened for any reason Manager suspended for 2 games POSSIBLE team forfeiture and disqualification | | | | None Required | None Required |
| Age/Number of Pitches Allowed per Day | 9 & 10 75 Per Day | 10 Yrs. 75 11 Yrs. 85 Per Day | 11 and 12 85 Per Day | 12 Yrs. 85 13 & 14 Yrs. 95 Per Day | 14 to 16 Yrs. 95 Per Day | 16 to 18 Yrs. 105 Per Day |
| Pitching Rest 16 and Under | 46 or more pitches in a day = 2 calendar days and a games rest must be observed; 21 to 45 pitches in a day = 1 calendar day and a games rest must be observed; 1 to 20 pitches in a day, no rest is required. | | | | | |
| Pitching Rest 16 and Older (BL) | 61 or more pitches in a day = 2 calendar days and a games rest must be observed; 36 to 60 pitches in a day = 1 calendar day and a games rest must be observed; 1 to 35 pitches in a day, no rest is required. | | | | | |
| Pitching In Consecutive Days/Games | May pitch in consecutive days or games if less than (21) pitches 16 and under, and (36) pitches Big League, were pitched in previous day. | | | | | |
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| Pitchers Returning to the Mound | Pitcher's once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers | | | Pitcher's remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, (except catcher) can return as a pitcher only once per game. Visit count does not reset | | |
| Pitchers Moving To Another Position | A pitcher who delivers one or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day | | | | | |
| Substitution and Re-Entry Starter or Substitute | A starter may be removed for a substitute BEFORE meeting MPR Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game at any time in the SAME position in the batting order. A substitute entering the game for the first time may not be removed prior to completion of her/his mandatory play requirements, (3) defensive outs AND completed one time at bat. | | | | A starter (including the DH) who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game once, provided such player occupies the same position in the batting order. A substitute (removed) may not re-enter. | |
| Line-up Changes | Defensive substitutions must be made while the team is on defense. Offensive substitutions must be made at the time the offensive player has his/her turn at bat or is on base. | | | | | |
| Double Headers | Regional Approval Only | | | No more than two (2) games in one day allowed | | |
| Offensive Conferences | Only one (1) per inning | | | | | |
| Defensive Conferences (Visits) | Two in an inning; pitcher must be removed from the mound on the third visit in an inning. Three in a game; pitcher must be removed from the mound on the fourth visit in the game. | | | | | |
| With Pitcher or any defensive player(s) | Visit count resets with each pitching change. | | | Visit count resets for new pitcher, but does NOT reset for returning pitcher. Visits at mound with any other player(s) | | |
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| Regulation Game (Complete) | Six full innings, 5 1/2 if home team is ahead | | | Seven full innings, 6 1/2 if home team is ahead | | |
| Regulation Game (Called) | 4 full innings or 3 1/2 if home team is ahead | | | 5 full innings or 4 1/2 if home team is ahead | | |
| Little League Curfew Local Curfew | No new inning may start after 11:00 p.m. | | | No new inning after 11:30 p.m. | | 12:00 midnight |
| | Local curfews stopping games before LL curfew must be suspended and completed the following day. | | | | | |
| Designated Hitter | Not allowed | | | | | Allowed - Rule 3.03 (e) |
| 10 Run Rule | After 4 innings, 3 1/2 if home team is ahead | | | After 5 innings, 4 1/2 if home team is ahead | | |
| Special Pinch Runner | Allowed (Rule 7.14) - once per inning, any player not presently in the lineup may be used. A player may only be removed for a special pinch runner one time during a game. | | | | | |
| Intentional Walk | If the pitcher wishes to intentionally walk a batter, he/she must do so by pitching four pitches intentionally outside the strike zone that are not struck at by the batter, and are called "balls" by the umpire. All such pitches will count in determining that pitcher's pitch count. | | | | | |
| On Deck Batting Position | Not allowed - Only the lead-off batter permitted outside the dugout between half-innings | | | Permitted | | |
| Equipment | No metal cleats; long model chest protector, protective cup, for male catchers. Catchers helmet with dangling throat protector for catcher. 6 NOCSAE batting helmets required. | | | Metal cleats allowed; long or short model chest protector, protective cup, for male catcher. Catchers helmet with dangling throat protector for catcher. 7 NOCSAE batting helmets required. | | |
| | Re-painted and re-applied decals on helmets not allowed unless by written approval from manufacturer. | | | | | |
| Bats Length Diameter/Weight | Max. length Metal 33"; max. dia. 2 1/4 Max. length Wood 33"; max. dia. 2 1/4 | | Metal 34" X 2 3/4 Wood 34" X 2 3/4 | | Metal 36" long X 2 5/8 dia. Wood 36" long X 2 5/8 dia. Wt. not more than 3 oz less length | |
| | No softball bats are allowed. An illegal bat must be removed. | | | | | |
| Protests For: | Playing Rule: Must be made before the next pitch/play/or attempted play. Ineligible Pitcher or Mandatory Play: Must be made before the umpires leave the playing field. Ineligible Player: When facts become known to complainant, but before the next game for either team. Improper Substitution: Protest not resolved before the next pitch or play shall not be considered. | | | | | |