

2009 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
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 Junior League 14 and Under	Pitchers 14 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; 1-20 in a day, no rest is required.					
Pitching Rest Senior League 14 and above	Pitchers 14 and above , 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; 1-35 in a day, no rest is required.					
Pitching In Consecutive Days/Games	Players 14 and under may pitch in consecutive days/games if less than (21) pitches were pitched in previous game. Players 14 and above if less than (36) pitches were pitched in previous day/game.					
Pitching In Consecutive Games	Allowed if less than (21) pitches for Jr. players 14 and under, and less than (36) pitches Sr. players 14 and over, were pitched in previous game, or the previous game was at another level, and the pitcher has received the required number of days of rest. Levels are District, Section, State, Division, Region and World Series.					
Pitchers Moving to Another Position 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, can return as a pitcher only once per game. Visit count does not reset		
Pitchers Moving To Catcher's Position	A pitcher (at all levels of play) who delivers forty-one (41) 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 Non-wood bats shall be printed BPF 1.15 or less			Metal 34" X 2 5/8 Wood 34" X 2 5/8		Metal 36" long X 2 5/8 dia. Wood 36" long X 2 5/8 dia. Wt. not more than 3 oz less length Non-wood bats must have BESR mark
	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.					