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Little League Baseball

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## Little League Baseball Rules

A schedule of games being played between two or more leagues is considered to be a District 4 administered league. The following rules will apply to all Interleague play at the Major and Minor Divisions (60 foot bases).

Umpires: The Home Team will provide two umpires for each game, with at least one 18 or older.

Rules: Games are played under the official LL rules as indicated in the 2018 Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations. No local rules will apply and no “manager agreements” will be allowed to change or modify these rules.

For areas where the rule book allows local league options, we will play by the following rules:

- a. Rule 4.103(e): If one team is ahead by at least 15 runs after 3 innings (2 ½ if home team), or 10 runs after 4 innings (or 3 1/2 if the home team is ahead) the opposing manager shall concede defeat to the manager who is ahead. There are no exceptions to allow a game to continue after this point.
- b. In the Major Division, the batting order will consist of 9 players. -Continuous Batting Order is used at all Minor level games. Substitution rules as defined in Rule 3.03 must be followed.
- c. Batter Keeping Foot in Box (Rule 6.02c): This rule will be enforced during Interleague play.
- d. Special Pinch Runner (Rule 7.14) (Majors Division only): The regular season rules for Special Pinch Runner will apply.
- e. Stealing of Signs (Rule 9/01d): This rule and associated penalties will not be enforced during Interleague play. However, either umpire may remove a player from the game for any unsportsmanlike conduct, including but not limited to deliberate attempts to steal signs.
- f. Ending an Inning (Minor divisions) Rule 5.07: In Minor divisions, the offensive inning will end when the defense has made 3 outs, or the offense has scored 5 runs, or the entire offensive lineup has batted once in that inning. In the 6th inning, or in the last inning (as determined by the Umpires and communicated to the managers in advance due to Time Limit or pending darkness), the inning will continue without reference to runs scored or players batting until 3 outs are made.

g. Uncaught Third Strike (Rule 6.05): In Major division, this rule will apply.

Pitching: Pitching will be governed by Regulation VI. Maximum number of pitches per day and days of rest are as defined in this regulation. In accordance with the revision of this regulation approved after the Rule Books were printed, under no circumstance shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

Pitching Logs: Each manager must have a Pitching Log (form available at [llcad4.org](http://llcad4.org) under "Baseball.") for each game showing who has pitched in previous games, date and number of innings. If the Manager of a team cannot produce a current Pitching Log before the start of the game, the opposing Manager may file a proper protest under Rule 4.19 if he believes an illegal pitcher was used in the game. The protest will be referred to the Assistant District Administrator for review and decision making. Under all circumstances the game shall be played, pending the review of the protest.

Bats: non-wood bats must be certified under the USA Baseball standard, and marked with the USA logo. The use of pine tar or other similar adhesive substance is prohibited. Use of these substances will result in the bat being declared illegal and removed from play. Bat diameter shall not exceed 2 5/8", and bat length shall not exceed 33".

Time Limits/Darkness: There will be no time limits for any games except weekend games when field times are limited. At least 4 innings must be completed for any game to be considered a regulation game if curtailed by darkness or time limits. Every effort should be made by both leagues involved to reschedule games cancelled by weather.

Protests: Protests should be settled on the field of play. Appeals to the Assistant District Administrator are limited only to rule interpretations or the use of an ineligible player. Protests are discouraged since all games are at the recreational level and no district standings are kept. However, if a protest is filed, it must be emailed within 24 hours to the Assistant District Administrator listed above. The Assistant District Administrator's decision is final.